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Dear Interested Citizen:

Enclosed is a package of proposed changes to the rules governing recreational fisheries for game fish, food fish, and shellfish. This notice is being sent to our sportfishing rule development mailing list and e-mail list. These lists include regulatory agencies, tribal biologists, clubs, and advisory groups in addition to members of the public who have taken an interest in the sportfish rule change process in the past or who have asked to be included. We look forward to receiving your comments or ideas concerning the proposed changes that are enclosed with this notice. This notice and the information on the proposed changes is also available on our website at [www.wa.gov/wdfw](http://www.wa.gov/wdfw).

This regulation cycle is what we term a "major cycle" so there are a large number of proposals in the package. Some of the proposals originated from department staff, while others came from the public or from other agencies. There are two parts to the mailout. The first portion, printed on white paper, lists all of the proposals that have the approval of WDFW to go forward for public comment. Each proposal has a description and an explanation. The second part of the mailout, printed on colored paper and in table form, contains the proposals that were not supported by staff to go out for public comment. Each of these proposals is described briefly, and a reason for the lack of support is noted.

The public hearing for these proposed rules will be held during the Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting on December 5 and 6 at Fort Worden State Park, Port Townsend, WA. Verbal testimony on the proposals may be presented at the hearing. Written testimony may be sent to Evan Jacoby, WDFW Rules Coordinator at 600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501-1091. All written testimony must be received by Mr. Jacoby prior to the December 5 meeting. If you plan on attending, you may also submit written testimony at the hearing. Both written and oral testimony will be carefully considered.

An adoption hearing will be held at the Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting in February, 2004. At the adoption hearing, these proposals: (a) may be adopted as proposed; (b) may be modified; or (c) may not be adopted. No additional public testimony on the proposed rules will be taken at this meeting. Check the WDFW website for the time and place of this meeting. The effective date of any changes will be May 1, 2004, unless otherwise noted in specific proposals that are adopted. Permanent rules remain in effect until formally changed.

If you are a person with a disability and require accommodation for attendance, please contact Evan Jacoby at (360) 902-2930. This publication is available in alternate formats upon advance request. Please contact (360) 902-2200 or TDD (360) 902-2207, and allow seven working days to process your request.

## **The Pre-Season Salmon Management Process**

Another process that shapes recreational fisheries in Washington waters is the North of Falcon process. The final product from this process is a management plan that coordinates recreational, commercial and treaty salmon fisheries north of Cape Falcon which includes both marine and freshwater areas in Washington State. Except where modified by a specific proposal, the salmon seasons listed in this mailout are the 2003-2004 seasons, and may be modified during the meetings described below.

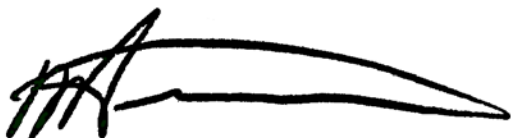
A series of public meeting are scheduled in March and April in conjunction with the Pacific Fishery Management Council's ocean season setting process. These meetings are attended by federal, state, and tribal managers, special interest groups and concerned citizenry. You are welcomed and encouraged to attend any of these meetings. Please contact Customer Service at (360) 902-2700 for details. **The recreational rules resulting from the North of Falcon process will be included in the 2004-2005 sportfishing pamphlet.**

## **Pacific Halibut**

The Pacific Fisheries Management Council, the National Marine Fisheries Service and the International Pacific Halibut Commission have the primary responsibility for regulating this fishery. Rules for the 2004 recreational fishery for halibut have not been established. A final decision on these rules will be made in early 2004. WDFW will be hosting a public workshop on the proposed regulations. For more information on this process, please contact (360) 249-4628, ext 211.

Thank you for your interest in Washington's fisheries resources. If you no longer want to be part of the sportfishing rule change process, you can write to us at the above address c/o Fish Program and ask to be taken off the Sportfish Rule Development Mailing List. We have also set up a special mailbox at [Sportfishing@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:Sportfishing@dfw.wa.gov) that you can use to update your address or to add or delete yourself from our mailing list. If you are currently receiving your information by mail and would be willing to do it by e-mail instead, it will save the Department quite a bit in mailing costs. Please send an e-mail to the Sportfishing box, listing your regular mailing address and the e-mail address we can use instead. Also, please reserve the use of this mailbox only for sportfish mailing list business.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

# SPORTFISHING RULE PROPOSALS

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# STATEWIDE RULES

## 1. DAILY LIMIT FOR EASTERN BROOK TROUT

**PROPOSAL:** Remove the daily limit for Eastern brook trout in all rivers, streams, and beaver ponds.

**EXPLANATION:** Currently there is no minimum size and anglers may keep up to 5 Eastern brook trout in streams, but no more than 5 trout total, and no more than 2 can be other trout species. If this proposal is adopted, other trout species would still have a daily limit of 2 (unless otherwise noted), but there would be no minimum size and no daily limit for Eastern brook trout. Brook trout are an introduced, non-native species and are numerous and widespread in Washington. They have been identified as a threat to native bull trout populations through interbreeding and competition for food and habitat. The intent of this regulation is to reduce Eastern brook trout populations in streams, to reduce their impact on bull trout, and secondarily provide additional harvest opportunity for anglers.

## 2. CLASSIFY TIGER TROUT AS A GAME FISH

**PROPOSAL:** Classify tiger trout as a game fish to be regulated with other trout species.

**EXPLANATION:** Tiger Trout are sterile hybrids resulting from crossing brown trout (*Salmo trutta*) females with brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*) males. Tiger trout have been stocked in several lakes around the state, but are not currently listed as a game fish. Without this regulation, there would be no harvest regulations for tiger trout. If this proposal is adopted, tiger trout would be classified as game fish, becoming part of the trout daily limit (usually five in lakes and two in streams).

## 3. BUOYANT LURE RESTRICTION

**PROPOSAL:** This proposal would add the following restrictions to buoyant lures used in waters with a non-buoyant lure restriction in place: Hooks must be attached to or below but within 3 inches of the floating lure. No hook may be tied above the lure.

**EXPLANATION:** The non-buoyant lure restriction is used in areas where salmon congregate and snagging is a problem. Allowing hooks above floating lures significantly increases the likelihood of snagging, so this modification should make the rule more effective.

## 4. STURGEON TAGS AND SEALS

**PROPOSAL:** This proposal would make it unlawful to possess a sturgeon in the field unless the fish is sealed and has a sturgeon tag attached.

**EXPLANATION:** The annual limit for sturgeon is very hard to enforce. One reason for this is that anglers who have caught their annual limit can claim to have lost their catch record card, and have a new one issued. This replacement card has spaces to record a new annual limit of sturgeon. This proposal is intended to make the limit more enforceable by requiring anglers, who intend to retain sturgeon, to purchase a group of "seals" to attach to any fish they wish to retain. The sealing mechanism is a plastic locking band that can be used only one time, and must remain unaltered. It would be inserted through the gills and out the fish's mouth. The WILD licensing system would

generate tags (in the form of self-sealing stickers) that contain the angler's WILD identification number and could be closed around the band at its closure point. Anglers who want to retain sturgeon would be issued a group of 5 seals and 5 stickers. The stickers would be non-replaceable, and could only be issued through the WILD system. This means that charter operators who use charter stamps in lieu of licenses will not be able to issue sturgeon seals. Tags and seals would be sold only in groups of 5 at a cost of \$3.50. Of this, WDFW would receive \$1 for the cost of the seals, and the dealer would receive \$2.50 (50 cents per tag) for the issuance of the tags.

## **5. DESIGNATED HARVESTER RULE CLARIFICATION**

**PROPOSAL:** Clarify the designated harvester rule to allow designated harvesters to take food fish or shellfish for disabled fishers.

**EXPLANATION:** WAC 220-55-065 allows a designated harvester to take a limit of any shellfish or food fish for a disabled fisher, but WAC 220-56-150 contradicts this by limiting the harvest to only razor clams. The proposal would remove the contradictory language in WAC 220-56-150. It also repeals an obsolete rule (WAC 220-56-370) referring to a razor clam disability permit, which no longer exists under the designated harvester system.

# **MARINE RULES**

## **GENERAL MARINE RULES**

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## **6. SINGLE HOOKS REQUIRED IN MARINE AREAS**

**PROPOSAL:** This proposal would require anglers to use no more than two single hooks in Marine Areas 1-13. (Forage fish jigger gear would be an exception – treble hooks would still be allowed on this gear).

**EXPLANATION:** Although the issue of single versus double (two point) or treble (three point) hooks has been addressed in previous regulation cycles, it came up again at the 2003 North of Falcon salmon management meetings. WDFW made a commitment to include it in the current regulation development process.

Barbless treble hooks are frequently used in Puget Sound jig fisheries for salmon. There is some contention that requiring single hooks will reduce hooking mortality on salmon that are released. WDFW evaluated numerous studies on hooking mortality associated with treble hooks during past regulation development cycles. The studies addressed impacts to trout, juvenile steelhead, Atlantic salmon, coho and chinook. The overall results of these studies couldn't find a significant difference in hooking mortality between treble and single hooks on "trout sized fish" or small salmon. We are not aware of any studies that directly compare mortality rates of barbless treble hooks versus barbless single hooks in jig fisheries for salmon.

Even though the main concerns expressed about treble hooks have dealt with salmon, the proposal to require single hooks needs to apply to all species to make it enforceable.



## **7. RULES FOR SALMON RELEASE IN MARINE AREAS 5-13**

**Proposal:** In Marine Areas 5-13, this proposal would make it illegal to bring on board a vessel any salmon required to be released. Putting a similar rule in place in Marine Areas 1-4 will be discussed next spring during the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) process where salmon seasons are set coastwide.

**Explanation:** This rule (adopted through the North of Falcon process) was used with success this summer to provide additional protection for wild salmon released during a selective chinook fishery in the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Fish that are brought on board the boat tend to obtain more injuries and are more likely to suffer delayed mortality even if they are alive when released back into the water.

## **8. OCTOPUS HOLE MARINE CONSERVATION AREA**

**PROPOSAL:** This proposal would change the boundary of the Octopus Hole Marine Conservation Area (MCA) to remove the exception for the area within 100 feet of the high watermark. The pamphlet would note that: the Octopus Hole MCA is "Closed to harvest except tideland owners and their families may still harvest clams, oysters, and mussels from their property."

**EXPLANATION:** Rockfish are being caught in the area within 100 feet of the high watermark. The fish are residents of the Octopus Hole MCA reef structure, and are driven to the shallows by low dissolved oxygen events, an ongoing problem in the part of Hood Canal near Octopus Hole. This proposal will protect these fish, to coincide with the original intent of the MCA.

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# **MARINE FISH RULES**

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## **9. FORAGE FISH JIG GEAR**

**PROPOSAL:** Allow anglers to use forage fish jig gear in Columbia River waters from the Buoy 10 line to the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line.

**EXPLANATION:** No specific rule exists governing the harvest of forage fish in the Columbia River east of the Buoy 10 line. Statewide rules allow for the harvest of 10 pounds in the aggregate for herring, sardines, sandlance and anchovies, but without this proposal anglers would be restricted to statewide freshwater hook provisions (one line, no more than three hooks).

## **10. LINGCOD FISHERY DATES**

**PROPOSAL:** Change the open season for the lingcod fishery in Marine Areas 5-13 to August 1 – Sept 15 for angling and August 21 – September 15 for spear fishing. This delays both fisheries from their previous seasons in May and June.

**EXPLANATION:** Rockfish are caught as bycatch in the lingcod fishery. Making this change will enable us to better monitor the catch, which is currently very difficult during the earlier season, due to lack of personnel.

## **11. PUGET SOUND ROCKFISH CONSERVATION**

Fish biologists and managers have learned that rockfish generally are very slow growing, long-lived species that can only sustain low fishing rates. Many rockfish populations in Puget Sound are believed to be only 10% or less of their historic abundance. Adults tend to stay close to home near specific rocky reef habitats. Rockfish that are captured and released from even moderately deep waters are not believed to survive because their swim bladders over-inflate during the quick trip to the surface. These factors make rockfish more vulnerable to fishing-related impacts than a number of other fish species. Managers established strict harvest regulations in recent years in response to population declines, with the management intent to stop targeted harvest of rockfish in Puget Sound east of Slip Point in the outer Strait of Juan de Fuca. The rebuilding process will be very slow and the Department wants to ensure that harvest impacts on rockfish in Puget Sound will not impede recovery of this species group.

Therefore, as part of Governor Locke's Puget Sound Action Plan priorities, the Department is leading development of a Puget Sound Conservation Plan for rockfish, with an anticipated completion date of December 2004. This comprehensive resource management framework will more clearly establish and integrate goals, objectives and needed actions. While this long-term rockfish rebuilding strategy is being developed, the Department is reviewing current fishing regulations. The goals of this review are to ensure there is no targeting on rockfish and to reduce non-target rockfish impacts in fisheries directed at other species (e.g., salmon). This review will include both recreational and commercial fisheries in Puget Sound that potentially impact rockfish.

The one fish daily limit east of Slip Point in Area 5 began in 2000 to reduce harvest and to deter targeted fishing on rockfish. The regulation was designed to allow anglers to land some incidental catch of rockfish taken when fishing for other species. This was based on the recognition that release mortality of rockfish is believed to be 100% for deepwater fisheries. The one fish daily limit was believed to be small enough to discourage targeting rockfish while still allowing most incidental mortalities to be landed. It also allowed estimation of the majority of recreational fishery impacts.

Nevertheless, the Department still has concerns that there may be some high-grading and targeting of rockfish during fisheries directed at other species, as well as possible targeting during times and areas that have been closed for salmon, lingcod and halibut. As a result, we are seeking input on other possible approaches for near-term regulations that better meet the intent to eliminate target fishing and reduce incidental impacts on rockfish. We will continue the analysis of this problem and use public input to formulate final recommendations to the Fish and Wildlife Commission about any additional actions that may be appropriate for 2004-05 fisheries and to consider such suggestions during completion of the Rockfish Conservation and Rebuilding Plan.

The Department is seeking public comment on two specific options presented below that would reflect changes to the seasons and bag limits for rockfish in Puget Sound. In

addition, if there are other strategies that you believe could help minimize target or non-target impacts on rockfish, those ideas also would be very helpful in formulating recommendations to the Commission.

One important fishery management strategy - small area closures or marine protected areas - has not been included in these short-term options. A number of area closures currently exist inside Puget Sound and are being evaluated. While the Department feels the expanded use of such strategies likely will be important for rockfish, the intent is to consider such tools more comprehensively in the development of the long-term Rockfish Conservation Plan. This consideration will include the mapping of critical rockfish habitat as well as defining specific objectives and evaluation plans for use of these important regulatory tools. This will provide a comprehensive framework for evaluating specific rockfish closure options to ensure that selected areas would provide an integrated, geographic strategy to reduce rockfish impacts and perhaps augment recruitment rates.

**Option 1:**

- A)** Close Puget Sound boat-based marine bottomfish fisheries in Areas 5-13 when seasons for halibut, lingcod or salmon are not open. Anglers could still harvest shellfish from a boat or harvest forage fish with forage fish jig gear.
- B)** Allow no retention of rockfish by shore-based fishers in Marine Areas 5-13 when seasons for halibut, lingcod or salmon are not open.
- C)** Close spear fishing for rockfish in Marine Areas 5-13 year-round.

**Explanation:** As noted above the landing allowance for rockfish is intended to accommodate incidental encounters that occur while fishing for other species. The primary, target fin fish fisheries in Puget Sound marine waters currently are directed at salmon, ling cod and halibut during specific seasons. When fishing for these key species is not open, then a clear rationale may not exist for any marine finfish openings, given the conservation status of rockfish. Under this rationale spear fishing is clearly a target opportunity and not an incidental catch.

In addition, monitoring and enforcement activities are costly to maintain during these time frames. In recent years the Department has not had sufficient resources to make good rockfish catch estimates, though current changes in monitoring programs are being implemented with the hopes of remedying this issue. Shellfishing activities exist that would help moderate the loss of these bottom fish opportunities, and shore-based fishing for species such as surf perch could be maintained without a concern for rockfish retention, since deepwater habitats would not be accessible. Anglers could still be allowed to fish from a boat for game fish such as sea-run cutthroat (catch-and-release).

**Option 2:** Prohibit retention of rockfish – 0 rockfish daily limit. This could be implemented in:

- A) All areas (e.g., Areas 5-13) or
- B) Selected catch areas where rockfish status appears most critical (e.g., Hood Canal [Area 12] and South Sound [Area 13]).

**Explanation:** This regulation has already been implemented for canary and yelloweye rockfish in Puget Sound to mirror ocean regulations and recognize the critical conservation status for these species. The most significant fishery impacts on Puget Sound rockfish appear to be occurring incidentally during fisheries targeted at other species. While the 1 rockfish daily limit has discouraged targeted rockfish harvests to a large extent, the Department believes that some targeting and high-grading is still occurring. Two key considerations correspond to this option: (1) we do not know whether a total non-retention (daily limit 0) would change fishing behavior and reduce encounter rates and mortality on rockfish; and (2) without an on-water monitoring program, which the Department does not have the current resources to implement, the encounters and impacts of rockfish probably cannot be reliably estimated.

## **12. SIX-GILL SHARK PROTECTION**

**PROPOSAL:** This rule would make it illegal to remove six-gill sharks from the water.

**EXPLANATION:** Because of concerns that the fishery for these fish may over harvest the population, retention of six-gill sharks is currently prohibited. However, catch-and-release fisheries for this species still occur. Damage can occur to the internal organs of these fish when they are removed from the water.

# **SHELLFISH RULES**

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## **13. TENDING SHELLFISH POT GEAR AT NIGHT**

**PROPOSAL:** This proposal is a housekeeping change to the rule that limits when anglers may tend shellfish pot gear from a boat.

**EXPLANATION:** The intent of the rule is correctly captured in the fishing pamphlet – anglers may not pull shellfish pot gear in marine waters from a boat at night. (Crayfish pots in fresh water may be tended at night). However, the language in the supporting WAC is unclear and may actually allow this activity. This proposal fixes the problem.

## **14. PUGET SOUND CRAB SEASONS**

**PROPOSAL:** This proposal sets the yearly open periods for crab fishing in Puget Sound.

The open crab fishing season in the waters of Puget Sound is as follows:

Marine Areas 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13: Open 7:00 a.m. June 1 through February 28.

Southern portion of Marine Area 7, (San Juan Islands): Open 7:00 a.m. June 16 through February 28.

This portion of Marine Area 7 includes all waters of Marine Area 7 south and west of a line projected from Village Point, Lummi Island through the navigation buoy just east of Matia Island thence to the buoy at Clements Reef thence to the easternmost point of Patos Island, running along the northern shoreline of Patos Island and from the westernmost point of Patos Island due west to the international boundary; and westerly

of a straight line from the northernmost tip of Sinclair Island through Lummi Rocks to Lummi Island; and west of a line projected from the southeast point of Sinclair Island to the ferry dock at Shannon Point.

Eastern portion of Marine Area 7, (Anacortes to Bellingham): Open 7:00 a.m. July 16 through March 15.

This portion of Marine Area 7 includes all waters of Marine Area 7 south of a line that extends from Point Francis on Portage Island, through the marker just north of Inati Bay on Lummi Island to Lummi Island, and east of a line that extends from the Anacortes ferry dock at Shannon Point, northward to the southeastern tip of Sinclair Island, thence from the northernmost tip of Sinclair Island through Lummi Rocks to Lummi Island.

Northern portion of Marine Area 7 (Gulf of Georgia): Open 7:00 a.m. August 16 through April 15.

Northern portion of Marine Area 7 include all waters of Marine Area 7 north and east of a line projected from Village Point, Lummi Island through the navigation buoy just east of Matia Island thence to the buoy at Clements Reef thence to the easternmost point of Patos Island, running along the northern shoreline of Patos Island and from the westernmost point of Patos Island due west to the international boundary and north of a line that extends from Point Francis on Portage Island, through the marker just north of Inati Bay on Lummi Island to Lummi Island.

Marine Area 8-1: Open 7:00 a.m. June 1 through September 30.

Marine Area 8-2: Open 7:00 a.m. May 16 through September 30.

**EXPLANATION:** the adoption of this proposal will provide the recreational community with specific opening dates for crab fishing that can be published in the sportfishing pamphlet. The open seasons in Puget Sound apply to all legal gears and methods of harvest.

## **15. COLUMBIA RIVER CRAB POT SEASON**

**PROPOSAL:** Change the crab pot season in the Columbia River to year-round.

**EXPLANATION:** Crab are not soft shelled during the current closed season (Sept 16 – Nov 30). Oregon allows pot fishing year-round, and most of the winter crabbing areas are in Oregon. Keeping our rules consistent with those in Oregon whenever possible in concurrent waters makes enforcement easier and makes the rules easier for the public to understand.

## **16. CRABBING FROM THE COLUMBIA RIVER NORTH JETTY**

**PROPOSAL:** When crabbing from the Columbia River North Jetty, the Dungeness crab daily limit would be 12 males, minimum size 5 3/4 “

**EXPLANATION:** This proposal allows North Jetty sport crabbers the same daily limit and minimum size and daily limit for Dungeness Crab as those fishing in the adjacent Columbia River area from boats.

## **17. COLUMBIA RIVER MOUTH DEFINITION FOR CRAB FISHERY**

**PROPOSAL:** For the Dungeness crab fishery, the Columbia River is defined as upstream of a line extending from the tip of the North Jetty to the exposed tip of the South Jetty.

**EXPLANATION:** The Buoy 10 line (which currently defines the mouth of the Columbia River) runs through the middle of the most popular summer crabbing area. For Washington crabbers, Dungeness crab rules are different on the ocean side (daily limit 6 males, 6" minimum size) than they are on the river side (daily limit 12 males, 5 ¾" minimum size). Oregon allows 12 males, 5 ¾" minimum size both upstream and downstream of the Buoy 10 line. This results in an area in the river downstream of the Buoy 10 line, on the Washington side only, that has different rules for Dungeness crab. This proposed rule would standardize the rules in both areas for both states making it less confusing for anglers, and making enforcement of the rules easier.

## **18. OYSTER HARVEST**

**PROPOSAL:** Remove the rule that limits oyster harvest to waters less than 2 feet deep.

**EXPLANATION:** Currently, oysters may not be harvested from water over two feet deep. This rule is no longer necessary for conservation of the oyster resource, and has always been difficult to enforce.

## **19. CLAM AND OYSTER SEASONS**

**PROPOSAL:** This proposal sets the season for recreational harvest of oysters on seven beaches to coincide with the clam season. The proposed seasons would be as follows:

Frye Cove County Park: Open January 1 – May 31

Hope Island State Park: Open April 1 – April 30.

Port Townsend Ship Canal/Portage Canal: Open January 1 – April 30

Potlatch DNR Tidelands: Closed all year

Sequim Bay State Park: Open May 1 – June 15

Shine Tidelands State park: Open January 1 – May 15.

South Indian Island County Park: Closed all year.

Other proposed changes to both clam and oyster beach seasons will be announced later after sampling data from this year's fisheries have been collected and analyzed and tribal negotiations occur.

**EXPLANATION:** The above beaches are currently open year-round to oyster harvest, but not for clams. The oyster populations are not large, and oyster seasons, which extend beyond the clam season, only invite enforcement problems (because out-of-season clam harvesters may use the oyster season in excuse to be on the beach harvesting clams). WDFW enforcement has requested standardizing the seasons and State Parks staff have also requested these changes for the three State Park beaches affected.

## **20. HARD SHELL CLAM DEFINITION**

**PROPOSAL:** This proposal creates a legal definition of hard shell clams. The definition would be "All clams classified as shellfish under WAC 220-12-020, except geoduck clams, horse clams, and mud or soft shell clams."

**EXPLANATION:** The term "hard shell clams" appears in several WACs. A definition is provided for housekeeping purposes.

## 21. SHELLFISH CLASSIFICATION

**PROPOSAL:** This proposal contains several housekeeping changes that correct and update scientific names of shellfish. It also adds cockles and borers to the list of species included under the areas and seasons listed in WAC 220-56-350. Other changes are described below.

**EXPLANATION:** Along with the above housekeeping changes, this change also includes four other changes: 1) In the list of classified shellfish, the term “All other native marine clams” is dropped, with the language becoming : “All other marine clams existing in Washington in a wild state.” In a wild state is defined to mean that the population of animals it describes is naturally reproducing within the state. This should make it easier for sport clam diggers to understand that the daily limit applies to any species they come across (with specific sub-limits for some species) 2) Varnish clams are specifically listed as a classified species 3) Red abalone, a shellfish species which does not exist in Washington, is de-classified; and 4) the sea cucumber species ***Cucumaria miniata*** is de-classified. This species is not commercially fished, but is being taken by some recreational harvesters under the daily limit of 25 sea cucumbers. WDFW biologists have reported that ***C. miniata*** is disappearing at some harvested sites, especially in State Parks. De-classification would make ***C. miniata*** an unclassified marine invertebrate, reducing the daily limit to 10 in most areas, and preventing any harvest within State Parks.

## 22. SHRIMP SEASONS

**PROPOSAL:** This proposal adds language to the Port Angeles Shrimp District rule to say that it is open only on days set by emergency rule. It also provides a year-round season for Marine Areas 1,2,3, and Area 4 west of the Bonilla-Tatoosh Line.

**EXPLANATION:** This makes the Port Angeles Shrimp District rule similar to that for other shrimp districts, having open days set by emergency rule, and defines the season for coastal areas in the permanent rule.

## 23. SHRIMP DAILY LIMITS AND MINIMUM SIZES

**PROPOSAL:** This proposal makes the daily limit for shrimp in coastal areas (Marine Areas 1,2,3, and Area 4 west of the Bonilla-Tatoosh Line) a total of 10 pounds of all species. Fishers must retain the heads while in the field, and the minimum size for spot shrimp is one and three sixteenths inches from the base of the eyestalk to the top rear edge of the carapace. The Discovery Bay Shrimp District is proposed to be included under this rule. Fishers are not required to retain heads in the Hood Canal Shrimp District, or in the Port Angeles Shrimp District.

**EXPLANATION:** This rule change is largely a housekeeping issue as most of the provisions have been put into effect by emergency rule in the past, and listed in the fishing pamphlet. This puts the rules for daily and size limits into permanent rule and does away with the need for emergency rules for these items.

## **24. DAILY HOURS FOR SHRIMP DISTRICTS**

**PROPOSAL:** This proposal sets new daily hours for all of the Puget Sound Shrimp Districts. The new hours would be 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each open day.

**EXPLANATION:** Due to large increases in the number of fishers participating in the Puget Sound recreational shrimp fishery, the number of open days each season has been drastically reduced over the past few years. For example, recent lengths of spot shrimp seasons for the Port Townsend Shrimp District were: 1997-186 days; 1998-126 days; 1999-37 days (shortened for payback due to large quota overage in 1998); 2000-48 days; 2001-29 days; 2002-5 days; 2003-4 days. Seasons have become so short that our ability to manage the fishery within the quotas has been compromised in some areas. Shorter hours per day should increase the precision of our sport catch estimate. This proposed change should reduce the daily catch rates, while still allowing opportunity to fish, and potentially create a situation where there are more days available to fish, or at least slow down the continual decreases in season length.

## **25. PORT TOWNSEND SHRIMP DISTRICT**

**PROPOSAL:** This housekeeping proposal would change the boundary of this district to read "All waters of Port Townsend Bay south and west of a line from Marrowstone Point to Point Hudson and north of the Port Townsend Ship Canal Bridge, including Kilisnoe Harbor. This description will be moved to WAC 220-16-270, with the other Shrimp District definitions.

**EXPLANATION:** This corrects the definition of the Port Townsend Bay Shrimp District in the WAC (definition was correct in the fishing pamphlet), and places it and other shrimp district definitions in WAC chapter 220-16 (Definitions).

# **FRESHWATER RULES**

## **General Freshwater Rules**

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## **26. SNAGGING CLARIFICATION**

**PROPOSAL:** This proposal would make it unlawful to possess a fish taken for personal use from fresh water that was not hooked inside the mouth or on the head. The head of a fish is defined as any portion forward of the rear margin of the gill plate. This rule would not apply to forage fish taken with forage fish jigger gear.

**EXPLANATION:** This proposal is intended to clarify the snagging rule for both anglers and enforcement officers. There has been some confusion in the past as to exactly what constitutes a legally hooked fish. This proposal, if adopted, should clear it up.

## **27. REMOVING STEELHEAD AND SALMON FROM FRESH WATER**

**PROPOSAL:** When fishing in fresh water, (except in the Columbia River between the Buoy 10 line and the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line) it is illegal to remove from the water any salmon or steelhead required to be released.

**EXPLANATION:** This is expected to improve survival of released fish because they will not have the additional handling and stress caused by their removal from the water.



## 28. GAMEFISH CONTEST RULE

**PROPOSAL:** Adjust the rule for gamefish contests to eliminate a loophole in the boat limitation rule.

**EXPLANATION:** Currently, a loophole in the tournament regulation allows bass and walleye contests to ignore the boat limit by having at least one tournament angler fishing from shore. This was changed by emergency rule for a number of contests in 2002. Under this proposal, the WAC language becomes “(e) Contests for bass and walleye where ((all)) participants expect to fish at the same time from boats...”. By not requiring all anglers to fish from boats, the loophole is closed, and tournament boat limits would apply.

## 29. MINIMUM SIZE AND DAILY LIMIT FOR CRAPPIE

**PROPOSAL:** Place a minimum size of 9” and daily limit of 10 on crappie in a few select lakes (listed below) that have the potential to produce a consistent crop of quality crappie for harvest.

Downs Lake (Spokane Co), Eloika Lake (Spokane Co), Silver Lake (Spokane Co), Coffeepot Lake (Lincoln Co), Sprague Lake (Adams/Lincoln Co), Lower Goose Lake (Adams Co), Potholes Reservoir (Grant Co), Big Lake (Skagit Co), Campbell Lake (Skagit Co), Lake Cassidy (Snohomish Co), Roesiger Lake (Snohomish Co), Sawyer Lake (King Co), Black Lake (Thurston Co), Tanwax Lake (Pierce Co), and Duck Lake (Grays Harbor Co).

**EXPLANATION:** Currently, there are no size restrictions or daily limits for crappie in the majority of Washington’s waters. Current exceptions to this general rule include Coffeepot Lake (Lincoln Co), Duck Lake (Grays Harbor Co), Alkalai Lake (Grant Co), Lower Goose Lake (Adams Co), and Potholes Reservoir (Grant Co). This proposal would standardize the rule exceptions to include a 9” minimum size, which has been shown in recent studies to be more beneficial than the current 10” minimum size applied to some of these lakes. Potholes Reservoir would retain its current daily limit of 25 crappie and bluegill combined; the other lakes listed would have a daily limit of 10 crappie.

## REGION 1 RULES

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## 30. DAILY LIMIT FOR HATCHERY STEELHEAD IN SE WASHINGTON RIVERS

**PROPOSAL:** This proposal would change the daily limit for hatchery steelhead to 3 per day during open periods in the following streams in southeast Washington: Grande Ronde River, Mill Creek, Snake River, Touchet River, Tucannon River, and Walla Walla River. In the Touchet River, where anglers are also allowed to keep brown trout, the limit would be a combination of three hatchery steelhead and brown trout.

**EXPLANATION:** Southeastern Washington usually has large numbers of hatchery steelhead available for harvest. These are mitigation fish, produced for harvest. This increased daily limit has been put in place by emergency rule several times to provide additional harvest opportunity. Creating a permanent rule gives anglers more notice because it can be placed in the fishing pamphlet.

## 31. UPPER GRANDE RONDE STEELHEAD

### PROPOSAL:

WATER	SPECIES	SEASON	ADDITIONAL RULES
GRANDE RONDE RIVER (Asotin Co) mouth to County Rd Bridge (about 2- 1/2 miles upstream)	TROUT	Year-round	Minimum size 10". Daily limit 2. Release all STEELHEAD. Selective gear rules Sept 1 - May 31.
	Other Game Fish	Year-round	Statewide min. size/daily limit. Selective gear rules Sept 1 – May 31.
From County Rd Bridge to Oregon state line and all tributaries	All Game Fish	June 1 - Aug 31	Statewide min. size/daily limit. Selective gear rules. Barbless hooks required.
	All Game Fish	Sept 1 - Oct 31	
	WHITEFISH	Nov 1 - April 15	No min. size. Daily limit 15. WHITEFISH only. Barbless hooks required. Tributaries CLOSED to fishing for WHITEFISH.
	STEELHEAD	Nov 1 – April 15	Min. size 20". Daily limit 2 hatchery STEELHEAD. Barbless hooks required. Tributaries CLOSED to fishing for STEELHEAD.

**EXPLANATION:** This proposal shortens the selective gear restriction in the upper river to June 1 - August 31, allowing anglers to use bait beginning September 1 (but still requiring barbless hooks). The selective gear rule is intended to protect wild salmonids in the mainstem and tributaries. Allowing anglers to use bait beginning September 1 will make it easier to catch hatchery steelhead. In developing the 2002 / 2003 regulation proposal for the Grande Ronde River, to allow for additional angling opportunity for trout and other game fish species, the season was extended to October 31. The selective gear regulations in effect under the 2001 / 2002 pamphlet regulations were extended to cover this time period, to preclude a potential law enforcement conflict by having overlapping seasons and conflicting gear regulations in effect at the same time in the same area. The supplemental season for steelhead and whitefish following the general game fish and trout season, allowed the use of bait. By trying to eliminate potential law enforcement problems, a new problem developed, which was the inadvertent reduction of the season where the use of bait was allowed for steelhead fishing. This proposal attempts to restore the allowable use of bait, with barbless hooks, effective September 1.

## 32. HOG CANYON CREEK

**PROPOSAL:** Change the season on Hog Canyon Creek (Spokane Co) from Hog Canyon Dam to Scroggie Road from June 1- Oct 31 to open year-round.

**EXPLANATION:** Two thirds of this area is on BLM land, the other third is privately owned, but the owner (who proposes this rule change) allows fishing by permission. By the current June 1 opening, most of the area is overgrown with cattails and weeds and is not suitable for fishing.

### 33. KETTLE RIVER

#### PROPOSAL:

WATER	SPECIES	SEASON	ADDITIONAL RULES
KETTLE RIVER (Ferry/Stevens Co) from Barstow Bridge upstream	TROUT	June 1 – Oct 31	Minimum size 12". Daily limit 2. Selective gear rules
	Other Game Fish	June 1- Oct 31	Statewide min. size/daily limit. Selective gear rules
	WHITEFISH	Nov 1 – May 31	No min. size. Daily limit 15 WHITEFISH only. Only one single hook 3/16" or smaller measured point to shank (size #14) may be used.

**EXPLANATION:** This proposal will standardize the gear rules for all species on the Kettle River, making them easier to enforce and understand.

### 34. MILL CREEK CLOSED AREA

**PROPOSAL:** For Mill Creek (Walla Walla Co) - Change the CLOSED WATERS area in the lower river to be from the Gose Street Bridge to the Roosevelt Street Bridge (closed area was from the concrete channel at 9<sup>th</sup> Ave Bridge to Roosevelt Street Bridge)

**EXPLANATION:** This proposal is intended to protect listed steelhead that stack below the Gose Street Bridge/Fishway. Passage for steelhead below the Gose Street Bridge is very difficult, due to the stream channel configuration and obstructions. Eliminating fishing pressure on the fish concentrated below the bridge while they attempt to pass these obstructions will provide improved opportunity for their passage through this section.

### 35. NEGRO CREEK OPEN AREA

**PROPOSAL:** Expand the section of Negro Creek (Lincoln Co) that is open year-round to be from the mouth at Sprague Lake to the fish barrier at Fishtrap Lake (instead of from the mouth to the town of Sprague).

**EXPLANATION:** In some high water years there are fish available in the creek and pasture ponds outside of the currently open season.

### 36. TOUCHET AND WALLA WALLA RIVER BASS RULES

**PROPOSAL:** Change the rules for bass in these two rivers from the statewide standard to: Daily limit 5, but, no more than 3 over 15" may be retained.

**EXPLANATION:** This eliminates the size 'slot limit' and makes the rules for bass on these two rivers similar to the Columbia River at McNary and the Snake River, which are adjacent waters.

### 37. TUCANNON RIVER CLOSED AREA

**PROPOSAL:** Modify the closed area around the Tucannon Hatchery so that the lower boundary becomes the Tucannon Hatchery Bridge instead of Cummins Bridge.

**EXPLANATION:** Salmon and bull trout have been known to stack up in the area below the dam, but they do not stack up below the hatchery bridge as in the past when chinook were released directly from the hatchery. This change would allow adequate protection of adult fish, but more public access to fish the river on WDFW-owned lands.

### 38. LUCKY DUCK POND

**PROPOSAL:** Restrict fishing in Lucky Duck Pond (Stevens Co – within the town of Springdale) to juveniles only (under 15 years of age).

**EXPLANATION:** The Springdale Town Council has requested this change to provide recreational opportunity for youth in their community.

### 39. RIGLEY LAKE

**PROPOSAL:** Change the 14” minimum size for trout on Rigley Lake (Stevens Co) to 12”.

**EXPLANATION:** Rigley Lake has frequent winter kills. It is typically stocked with both surplus rainbow brood stock and catchable size rainbows. The catchables can’t grow to 14” by the end of the season, but can get to 12”. This change would allow anglers to harvest these fish at the end of the season, thus minimizing the winter kill of these fish in the lake.

## REGION 2 RULES

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### 40. CHELAN RIVER

WATER	SPECIES	SEASON	ADDITIONAL RULES
Chelan River (Chelan Co) from the railroad bridge to the Chelan PUD safety barrier below the power house	TROUT  OTHER GAME FISH	CLOSED  May 15 – Aug 31	Non-buoyant lure restriction.

**EXPLANATION:** This proposal is intended to provide sport anglers an opportunity to harvest game fish, especially walleye and bass, with no impact to ESA listed fish.

The section of the Chelan River from the PUD boat ramp upstream to the Chelan PUD safety barrier has historically provided exceptional angling for walleye and sometimes bass. Because WDFW was unsure what impact anglers were having on ESA listed fish, this section of the Chelan River was closed to angling in 2000. The closure provided time to determine if any sport fishery could be allowed without inflicting undue harm to ESA fish. The information gathered to date indicates that WDFW has an opportunity to provide sport anglers a chance to fish for walleye and bass with very little if any impact to ESA listed fish (steelhead) in the section of the Chelan River from Chelan PUD safety barrier below the power house down river to the railroad bridge during May 15 - August 31. The section would open for all game fish except trout. It would remain closed to fishing for salmon.

Summer/fall chinook, which are not listed under the ESA do spawn in this section of the river. However, because of their life history traits, neither adults nor juveniles will be present during May 15- August 31. Steelhead spawn in the Chelan River, but spawning activity will cease and adult steelhead will be through spawning by May 15. During late spring, summer and fall, water temperatures in the Chelan River rise above 70 degrees F. These temperatures are above juvenile steelhead tolerance limits. Consequently, when water temperatures rise, juvenile steelhead will leave this section

of the Chelan River and enter the Columbia River in search of cooler water. The closure to retention of trout and salmon will protect any trout or salmon that may wander into this section during the open fishing season. The proposed regulation change will not only give anglers an opportunity to fish, but will also benefit steelhead and salmon juveniles by removing walleye and bass that may prey upon juvenile salmon and steelhead.

#### **41. CLEAR CREEK**

**PROPOSAL:** Close Clear Creek (Chelan Co) to fishing year-round.

**EXPLANATION:** Clear Creek is home to adult and juvenile upper Columbia steelhead, which are listed as endangered. In 2002 and 2003 WDFW spawning ground surveyors found 43 and 32 steelhead spawning redds, respectively, in Clear Creek. This represents about 50-55% of all redds located in the Chiwawa River drainage in those years. The mainstem Chiwawa is already closed to protect these fish.

#### **42. COLUMBIA BASIN HATCHERY CREEK CHANGES**

**PROPOSAL:** For Columbia Basin Hatchery Creek (Grant Co): Change the season from year-round to April 1 – September 30. Allow both juveniles and fishers with a disability and a reduced-fee license to fish near the hatchery outflow and in the mainstem hatchery creek, but drop the family fishing rule (juveniles and licensed adults accompanied by a juvenile) in the mainstem creek.

**EXPLANATION:** Recent improvements to the stream habitat and access have increased the popularity of this fishery, and demand now exceeds the number of fish available for stocking. The April-September season should help with this. There is handicapped access beyond the area currently open – this proposal would allow handicapped anglers access to a larger area. The family fishing rule is proposed to be eliminated in this area and other areas (see proposal for Fort Borst Pond in Region 4) because it is being abused by many adults.

#### **43. CHIKAMIN CREEK SELECTIVE GEAR RULES**

**PROPOSAL:** Add selective gear rules to the fishery on Chikamin Creek (Chelan Co).

**EXPLANATION:** This is a modification of a proposal sent in by US Fish and Wildlife Service in an effort to provide more protection to bull trout in the Chiwawa basin. This is one of three major tributaries in the Chiwawa River basin for bull trout spawning. The numbers in Chikamin Creek have been low and there is the potential for brook trout hybridization from adjacent Minnow Creek. In response to continued low abundance counts on bull trout in Chikamin Creek, this proposal is intended to reduce hooking mortality through the use of selective gear rules.

#### **44. NORTH CREEK SELECTIVE GEAR RULES**

**PROPOSAL:** Add selective gear rules to the fishery in North Creek (Okanogan Co) from the mouth to the falls at river mile 0.8 (just above Twisp River Road).

**EXPLANATION:** This is a modification of a proposal sent in by US Fish and Wildlife Service in an effort to provide more protection to bull trout in the Twisp basin. North Creek is one of the most important fluvial bull trout spawning areas in the Twisp River. In normal years, North Creek has supported nearly half of the Twisp River spawning

fish. Bull trout spawning occurs in this tributary and in the mainstem Twisp. Some of the larger fish have come from the Columbia River, as documented by radio telemetry reports. Numbers of spawning fish are low and in a recent downward trend. This proposal is intended to reduce hooking mortality to these fish through the use of selective gear rules.

#### **45. PHELPS CREEK SELECTIVE GEAR RULES**

**PROPOSAL:** Add selective gear rules to the fishery in Phelps Creek (Chelan Co) from the mouth to the falls at river mile 1.

**EXPLANATION:** This is a modification of a proposal sent in by US Fish and Wildlife Service in an effort to provide more protection to bull trout in the Chiwawa basin. Phelps Creek is one of three spawning tributaries for bull trout in the Chiwawa River. Bull trout from the Columbia River have been observed migrating to and from the Chiwawa River in recent telemetry studies. Most spawning adults overwinter in Lake Wenatchee. Spawning occurs downstream of the falls in Phelps Creek and into the Chiwawa River. Phelps Creek has a low number of spawners. This proposal is intended to reduce hooking mortality to these fish through the use of selective gear rules, while still allowing anglers to catch cutthroat trout.

#### **46. ROCK CREEK SELECTIVE GEAR RULES**

**PROPOSAL:** Add selective gear rules to the fishery on Rock Creek (Chelan Co).

**EXPLANATION:** This is a modification of a proposal sent in by US Fish and Wildlife Service in an effort to provide more protection to bull trout in the Chiwawa basin. This is one of three major tributaries in the Chiwawa River basin for bull trout spawning. Spawner numbers in Chikamin Creek have been steady in recent years. This is the largest spawning population in the Wenatchee Basin and is important for the recovery of bull trout. In response to continued low abundance counts on bull trout in other areas of the Chiwawa and Wenatchee Rivers, this proposal is intended to reduce hooking mortality through the use of selective gear rules.

#### **47. CHUMMING RULE FOR BANKS LAKE, LAKE ROOSEVELT, AND RUFUS WOODS LAKE**

**PROPOSAL:** Allow chumming for game fish in these three large lakes.

**EXPLANATION:** This would help anglers (especially bank anglers) fish for kokanee in these large lakes.

## 48. DUSTY LAKE

WATER	SPECIES	SEASON	ADDITIONAL RULES
Dusty Lake (Grant Co)	TROUT	Mar 1 – Nov 30	No minimum size. Daily limit 1. Selective gear rules.
	OTHER GAME FISH	Mar 1- Nov 30	Statewide min.size/daily limit. Selective gear rules.

**EXPLANATION:** This proposal lengthens the season for Dusty Lake to March 1 - November 30. The current season is March 1 – July 31. It applies selective gear rules to all species and puts a daily limit of 1 on trout. Dusty Lake has a reputation for producing large trout when it is relatively free of competing species. This proposal will limit the taking of trout, allowing more of them to grow large and allowing a longer season.

## 49. EPHRATA LAKE

**PROPOSAL:** Close Ephrata Lake (Grant Co) to fishing.

**EXPLANATION:** For many years, the management of Ephrata Lake has focused on waterfowl production, resting areas for waterfowl, and other wildlife concerns. This lake has been intentionally managed to remain fish free to avoid competition for food between fish and waterfowl. A few fish have been illegally introduced and a small fishery is beginning to develop. This proposal would close the lake to fishing to allow its continued development as a waterfowl production area.

## 50. MOLSON LAKE

**PROPOSAL:** Make it unlawful to fish from a boat with an internal combustion engine on Molson Lake (Okanogan Co).

**EXPLANATION:** Molson Lake is small, shallow and weedy; has only a crude launch. The lake is easily navigated without a motor. Note that this rule only controls those folks who are fishing. A total ban to internal combustion engines would need to come from the County.

## 51. OASIS PARK POND

**PROPOSAL:** Change Oasis Park Pond (Grant Co) from a year-round lake with statewide rules to be open only to juveniles (under 15 years of age) and persons with disabilities possessing a reduced fee license with a season from the third Saturday in April through Labor Day.

**EXPLANATION:** The City of Ephrata has adopted similar rules for this water, and since state rules take precedence over municipal ordinances, they have asked WDFW to adopt this matching rule.

## 52. LAKE WENATCHEE SELECTIVE GEAR RULES

**PROPOSAL:** Add selective gear rules (except fishing from a boat with a motor allowed) to the Lake Wenatchee (Chelan Co) fishery.

**EXPLANATION:** This is a modification of a proposal sent in by US Fish and Wildlife Service in an effort to provide more protection to bull trout in Lake Wenatchee. Lake Wenatchee is the largest of three overwinter refugia for bull trout in the Wenatchee basin and the only known overwinter refugia for the Upper Wenatchee basin. Adfluvial

(migrating between lakes and rivers) bull trout abundance is low in some adjacent tributaries to Lake Wenatchee. Bull trout using the lake are spawning in the Little Wenatchee River, White River, Nason Creek, or Chiwawa River (based on recent radio-telemetry data). Any bull trout mortality in the lake would affect all local adfluvial populations. Anglers have been observed to both intentionally (poaching) and unintentionally hook bull trout in the lake. The incidental catch is high with the use of bait and gear during salmon seasons. The catch rate of bull trout in Lake Wenatchee is high relative to other species. Adding the selective gear regulation is intended to address the continued low numbers in adjacent local populations and high incidental catch by reducing incidental hooking mortality.

## **REGION 3 RULES**

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### **53. CLE ELUM RIVER**

**PROPOSAL:** From the mouth to Cle Elum Dam, change the season to year-round and the harvest rule to catch and release for trout. Retain the selective gear rules.

**EXPLANATION:** High irrigation flow releases from the reservoir severely limit trout fishing opportunity in June, July, and August by making the lower river unfishable/unwadable. A year-round season and catch and release for trout (matching the regulation for the adjacent mainstem Yakima River) makes sense in this anadromous fish area that is already subject to “selective gear rules.”

### **54. COLUMBIA RIVER VERNITA BRIDGE TO PRIEST RAPIDS DAM**

**PROPOSAL:** Change the season for game fish (excluding trout) and sturgeon from year-round to June 1 – March 31. Fishing for trout would remain closed.

**EXPLANATION:** This change will protect ESA-listed upper Columbia R. spring chinook from illegal harvest during the peak upstream migration in April and May. A small, but significant number of boat fishermen and bank anglers fishing upstream of Vernita Bridge, allegedly fishing for non-salmonid game fish or sturgeon in the spring, are harvesting or attempting to take listed spring chinook. This change will help prevent spring chinook poaching in this uppermost 9-mile segment of the 52-mile Hanford Reach. Fishing for non-salmonid game fish and sturgeon (if the proposed new sturgeon season proposal is adopted) will continue to be open downstream of Vernita Bridge in April and May, where, coincidentally, the best habitat for bass fishing (sloughs, around islands) is located. Delaying the game fish opening until June 1 will not conflict with the BPA-funded northern pikeminnow reward program, which starts in mid-June in this area of the Columbia R.

### **55. WALLEYE RULES FOR COLUMBIA AND SNAKE RIVERS**

**PROPOSAL:** For the entire Snake River to the Columbia border and the Columbia River from Hwy 395 Bridge in Pasco to Priest Rapids Dam – walleye daily limit 10, no minimum size, no more than 5 over 18”, no more than 1 over 24”.

**EXPLANATION:** This change would make the walleye regulations consistent from the mouth of the Columbia River to Priest Rapids Dam, making enforcement much easier, and making the rules easier for anglers to understand. The regulation should also help reduce walleye predation on juvenile salmonids.



## **56. YAKIMA RIVER CATFISH RULES**

**PROPOSAL:** Remove the daily limit for channel catfish in the entire Yakima River.

**EXPLANATION:** This is essentially a “housekeeping” change to correct an oversight that occurred during the last major cycle rule process for 2002-03 when the statewide rule for channel catfish was revised. Before that statewide change, minimum sizes and daily limits for channel catfish only applied to lakes, ponds and reservoirs. No minimum size or daily limits applied to the entire Yakima River, including tributaries and drains. In order to maintain the existing harvest rule for the Yakima, an exception to the new statewide rule was proposed and adopted in 2002. However, the special rule was only applied to the lower Yakima R. downstream of Prosser Dam. The 2002-03 fishing pamphlet stated that there was no daily limit on catfish in the entire Yakima River following the intent of the original proposal, but this was not supported by the WAC. The 2003-04 pamphlet was corrected to accurately reflect the WAC as adopted in 2002, but now a rule change is needed to restore the original intent of the rule.

## **57. LOWER YAKIMA RIVER SALMON SEASONS (2 PROPOSALS)**

**PROPOSAL 1:** This proposal would shift the salmon season on the lower Yakima River (mouth to Prosser Dam) from Sept 16 – Oct 31 to Sept 1 – Oct 22. The non-buoyant lure restriction and night closure would remain in effect during the revised salmon season.

**EXPLANATION 1:** This shift in the timing of the fishery will help to prevent anglers from snagging and targeting fall chinook occupying spawning redds. The earlier opening will also provide anglers with fish in better “table condition.”

**PROPOSAL 2:** This proposal would open a fishery for fall chinook and coho salmon in the Yakima River from the Highway 223 Bridge at Granger to Sunnyside (Parker) dam. This season would be Sept 1 – Oct 22, with a daily limit of 6 salmon, no more than two adults and a minimum size of 12 inches. The non-buoyant lure restriction and night closure would be in effect during this season.

**EXPLANATION 2:** Increasing fall chinook natural production between Granger and Sunnyside Dam is sufficient to permit the fishery in this area, which contains excellent bank and boat fishing access.

## **58. UPPER YAKIMA RIVER WINTER WHITEFISH**

**PROPOSAL:** From Roza Dam to Keechelus Dam, delete the special gear regulation allowing small baited hooks for whitefish December 1 – February 28.

**EXPLANATION:** Baited (maggots, salmon eggs) size 14 hooks are ideal for catching resident trout and juvenile steelhead, as well as whitefish. The small hook requirement of the regulation may prevent injury and reduce handling of adult steelhead, but in this trout “catch-and-release” reach, where adult steelhead are scarce and resident trout are significantly more abundant, prohibiting the use of bait will reduce resident trout hooking mortality. Whitefish can still be caught in the upper Yakima on unbaited whitefish flies with barbless hooks under the existing “selective gear rules” regulation.

## **59. DOG LAKE**

**PROPOSAL:** Change the trout daily limit on Dog Lake (Yakima Co) from 5 fish (no size limits) to 5 fish, no more than 1 over 14”.

**EXPLANATION:** Triploid rainbow trout were planted in 2003 (1,600 fish) in this 60-acre, very accessible high lake (elev. 4,207 ft., max. depth 70 ft.) off of US Hwy. 12 two miles east of White Pass, in an attempt to develop a “trophy trout” fishery sustainable through the summer. Dog Lake is also stocked annually with 6,000 “catchable” rainbows (3 fish/lb) stocked in two spring releases (May and June). There is also some unknown level of brook trout natural production in NF Clear Creek, which is a tributary to Dog Lake. There is an expectation that a percentage of large triploid rainbows (15 -17” at release) may shift from aquatic insects to preying on small brook trout and other small fish. If this occurs, true “trophy” trout could be produced — provided that harvest is not excessive. Currently, bait is allowed and anglers can retain five triploid trout (statewide lake harvest rule). We do not want to change terminal gear rules, which would displace bait fishermen from a favorite lake. Many families with children and seniors camp at the USFS Dog Lake campground and fish with bait. However, we do want to reduce harvest of triploids and better distribute that harvest among anglers. Reducing harvest of large trout to 1 over 14” per day protects large triploids, helps sustain the quality of the fishery during the season and will increase carry-over survival. Anglers would continue to be allowed to harvest an additional four sub-14” “catchables” per day to fill their five fish daily limit.

## **60. LEECH LAKE**

**PROPOSAL:** Change the trout daily limit on Leech Lake (Yakima Co) to 5 fish, no MORE than 1 over 14”. No change in gear rules — Leech Lake will remain “fly fishing only” and motorized boats will continue to be prohibited

**EXPLANATION:** Triploid rainbow trout were planted in 2002 (1,670 fish) and 2003 (1,070 fish) in this 40 acre, accessible high lake in an attempt to develop a trophy trout fishery in the only “fly fishing only” water body in Region 3. Prior to the release of triploid rainbows, only naturally produced eastern brook trout were present. Although the lake produces Eastern brook trout up to 12-14”, the bulk of the population is smaller with average size 8 to 10 inches which are very abundant. There is an expectation that large rainbows (15 - 17” at release) may shift from aquatic insects to preying on small brook trout and other small fish. If this occurs, large trout could be produced — provided that harvest is not excessive. The size structure of the brook trout population will likely benefit from rainbow predation that reduces the number of small brook trout and decreases intraspecific competition for food. We do not want to completely eliminate the opportunity to harvest a large or trophy trout -- reducing harvest of trout from 2 over 12” to 1 over 14” fish per day is a good compromise, while continuing to allow the harvest of up to four “pan-sized” brook trout to reduce brook trout numbers.

## 61. LOST LAKE

**PROPOSAL:** Change the trout daily limit on Lost Lake (Kittitas Co) to 5 fish, no more than 1 over 14”.

**EXPLANATION:** Triploid rainbow trout are tentatively planned to be stocked in 2004 (number of fish to be determined) in this 145-acre, drive-to lake. Lost Lake currently is not stocked with hatchery trout. The existing fishery is supported by naturally reproducing eastern brook trout. There is also a self-supporting population of small kokanee (4-8 inches), which provides forage for large brook trout. In July 2002, Region 3 staff sampled the lake with gill nets and caught one 57.5 cm (22.5”), 2.2 kg (4.85 lbs.) “trophy” brook trout. Forty smaller brook trout were also caught including a 15”, 1.5 lb fish. Although the brook trout population is healthy and not stunted, angler effort on the lake is minimal---partly due to the remote location, primitive camping facilities and lack of a trailer boat launch (“car-top” boats and canoes can be launched). Stocking triploid rainbows (15 -17”) is viewed by regional staff as a way to increase angler interest and utilization of Lost Lake, one of the largest natural lakes in Region 3 accessible by vehicle on maintained gravel roads. There is an expectation that a percentage of triploid rainbows may shift from aquatic insects to preying on small kokanee and brook trout fingerlings, like the trophy-size brook trout. Currently, bait is allowed and anglers can retain five large brook trout or triploid rainbows (if stocked in 2004). We do not want to change terminal gear rules, which would displace bait fishermen unnecessarily. However, we want to reduce harvest of triploids or large brook trout and distribute that harvest more evenly among anglers. Reducing harvest of trout over 14” to 1 fish per day protects large trout, helps sustain the quality of the fishery during the season and will increase carry-over survival.

## Region 4 Rules

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## 62. CEDAR RIVER CATCH AND RELEASE FISHERY

**PROPOSAL:**

WATER	SPECIES	SEASON	ADDITIONAL RULES
Cedar River (King Co) Mouth to Landsburg Rd Bridge (r m 21.5)	All Game Fish	June 1 – Aug 31	Catch and release. Selective gear rules.
Upstream of Landsburg Rd Bridge	CLOSED WATERS		

**EXPLANATION:** Since the closure of the Cedar in 1995, an abundant resident trout population (mostly rainbows) has developed, including some exceptionally large individuals. A catch and release fishery would allow access to those fish by anglers, creating the potential for a “quality fishery” near a major metropolitan area without jeopardizing other salmonid stocks.

While there is some public interest in harvesting these fish, with current knowledge the recommended proposal is more prudent. Studies are on-going to learn the density of resident trout in the system as well as the interaction between the rainbow and steelhead population. Current thinking is that the two groups are just one population with fish exhibiting different life histories. At least in some parts of the species range the

resident portion of the population have produce anadromous smolts. Until more is learned about this interaction, a significant reduction in the resident part of the population may create a risk to the steelhead population.

### **63. SAMISH RIVER SNAGGING PROBLEM**

**PROPOSAL:** Samish River (Skagit/Whatcom Co) – from the mouth to I-5 Bridge. During the salmon fishery (July 1 – December 31) add the provision that the line and weight and lure or bait must be moving (not stationary).

**EXPLANATION:** During this time period, snagging is a significant problem. The moving line provision has been used on other rivers, such as the Naselle, Nemah, and Grays in southwest Washington, and has been effective in greatly reducing snagging activities.

### **64. SAMMAMISH RIVER (SLOUGH) SEASON EXTENSION**

**PROPOSAL:**

WATER	SPECIES	SEASON	ADDITIONAL RULES
Sammamish River (Slough) (King Co)	CLOSED WATERS: all tributaries		
	TROUT	Jan 1 – Aug 31	Catch and release. Selective gear rules. CLOSED to fishing for STEELHEAD.
	Other Game Fish	Jan 1 – Aug 31	Statewide min size and daily limit

**EXPLANATION:** Under the current June 1 – Aug 31 season the trout species present are primarily smaller-sized juvenile cutthroat trout. The January 1 opening proposed will provide recreational anglers with the opportunity to fish for larger cutthroat trout during a time period (i.e., winter months) when these fish are present in the Sammamish River. Season changes for the other game fish are needed for consistency and regulation simplification and to increase recreational fishing opportunity for these species.

### **65. STILLAGUAMISH RIVER BOUNDARY ROAD NAME**

**PROPOSAL:** Change the name of the road forming the boundary between the two sections of the Stillaguamish River (Snohomish Co) from the Warm Beach-Stanwood Highway to Marine Drive.

**EXPLANATION:** The name of this road has been changed on current maps and the rule needs to be updated to reflect that.

### **66. NORTH GISSBURG POND JUVENILE ONLY WATER**

**PROPOSAL:** Make North Gissburg Pond (Snohomish Co) a juvenile only water (only open to fishing by those under 15 years of age)

**EXPLANATION:** This is an area with good access that would make a popular kids fishery. Access is controlled by the County and WDFW staff are reviewing the proposed change with County officials.

## 67. LAKE SAMMAMISH TROUT

### PROPOSAL:

WATER	SPECIES	SEASON	ADDITIONAL RULES
Lake Sammamish (King Co)	Waters within 100 yards of the mouth of Issaquah Creek are CLOSED to SALMON fishing.		
	TROUT	Year-round	Statewide min size/daily limit. Release all STEELHEAD or RAINBOW TROUT over 20" Dec 1 – June 30. CLOSED to fishing for KOKANEE.
	Other Game Fish	Year-round	Statewide min size and daily limit
	SALMON	Aug 16 – Nov 30	Min size 12". Daily limit 2. Release SOCKEYE.

**EXPLANATION:** Recent information on the trout population (cutthroat and rainbow) in Lake Sammamish suggests that adequate numbers of large (\$14") trout exist to remove the "no more than 2 over 14 inches" portion of the current regulation.

## 68. LAKE TERRELL RESTRICTION

**PROPOSAL:** For Lake Terrell (Whatcom Co) – Extend the time when fishing from any floating device except a dock is prohibited through January 31 instead of January 15.

**EXPLANATION:** This rule was requested by our Wildlife Program to reduce the conflicts between anglers and hunters.

## REGION 5 RULES

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## 69. STANDARDIZATION OF RULES FOR CUTTHROAT PROTECTION IN SW WASHINGTON STREAMS

**PROPOSAL:** Standardize the rules for trout fishing for the following streams and times to: TROUT-catch and release only except up to 2 hatchery steelhead may be retained.

Abernathy Creek (Cowlitz Co) from mouth to 500 feet below salmon hatchery - June 1-August 31 and November 1-March 15

Cedar Creek (Clark Co) from mouth to Grist Mill Bridge - June 1-March 15

Coal Creek (Cowlitz Co) from mouth to 400 feet below falls - June 1-August 31 and November 1-February 29

Coweeman River (Cowlitz Co) from mouth to Mulholland Creek - June 1-March 15

Deep River (Wahkiakum Co) - Year-round

Drano Lake (Skamania Co) - July 1-March 15

Elochoman River (Wahkiakum Co) from mouth to West Fork; - June 1-March 15

Germany Creek (Cowlitz Co) from mouth to end of Germany Creek Road - - June 1-August 31 and November 1-March 15

Gobar Creek (Cowlitz Co) - June 1-March 15

EF Grays River (Wahkiakum Co) – June 1 – Oct 31

Hamilton Creek (Skamania Co) - June 1-October 31

Kalama River (Cowlitz Co) mouth to 1000 ft below Kalama Falls Hatchery Fishway – Year-round

Lacamas Creek (Lewis Co.) - June 1-February 29

Lewis River (Clark Co) from mouth to mouth of East Fork– Year-round

North Fork Lewis River (Clark/Skamania Co) from mouth to overhead powerlines below Merwin Dam – – June 16-September 30 and December 16-April 30

Mill Creek (Cowlitz Co.) - - June 1-August 31 and November 1-March 15  
Olequa Creek (Lewis Co) - June 1-February 29  
Rock Creek (Skamania Co.) - June 1-March 15  
Salmon Creek (Clark Co.) from mouth to 72nd Ave. NE - June 1-March 15

Explanation: Under existing regulations, trout greater than 12", 14", or 20" inches may be kept in these streams. However, wild cutthroat, or in some cases, all cutthroat must be released. Therefore, only hatchery cutthroat or any rainbows greater than the minimum size plus hatchery steelhead may be retained. In the Columbia River System, only the Cowlitz River releases hatchery sea-run cutthroat. No hatchery plants of rainbows are made in the streams listed above. Few, if any, native rainbows greater than the minimum size exist in these streams. The proposed regulation would make it legal to retain hatchery steelhead but all other trout must be released from these mainly anadromous fish areas.

## **70. COLUMBIA RIVER STURGEON FISHERY**

**PROPOSAL:** Currently, fishing for sturgeon from a floating device is closed from Beacon Rock to Bonneville Dam May 1 – July 15. This proposal would extend that closure to be from a north-south line through the eastern tip of Skamania (Prindle) Island to Bonneville Dam from May 1 – July 31.

**EXPLANATION:** Fishing in this area is basically a catch and release fishery for oversized sturgeon. This proposal is intended to limit that activity and provide more protection for these long-lived fish.

## **71. SPECIAL COLUMBIA RIVER STURGEON SEASON FOR BANK ANGLERS**

**PROPOSAL:** Open a special sturgeon season for bank anglers only on the Columbia River from the mouth to the Wauna Power Lines May 1 – September 30.

**EXPLANATION:** Bank angling for sturgeon is a popular source of recreation and a social event enjoyed by many anglers. Success rates for bank anglers are much lower than boat anglers in this area. This proposal would require that a small portion of the below Wauna share of sturgeon be set aside to accommodate the longer season for bank angling.

## 72. COWLITZ RIVER – THREE PROPOSALS

WATER	SPECIES	SEASON	ADDITIONAL RULES
COWLITZ RIVER (Cowlitz/Lewis Co) from boundary markers at the mouth to Mayfield Dam	TROUT	June 1 – Mar 31	Min size 12". Daily limit 5. No more than 2 over 20" may be retained. Release wild CUTTHROAT. Release STEELHEAD with missing right ventral fin.
	Other Game Fish	June 1 – Mar 31	Statewide min. size/daily limit.
	TROUT	April 1 – May 31	Min size 20". Daily limit 2 hatchery steelhead, except release STEELHEAD with missing right ventral fin.
	SALMON	May 1 – July 31	Min size 12". Daily limit 6. No more than 1 adult may be retained. Release wild CHINOOK.
	SALMON	Aug 1 – Dec 31	Min size 12". Daily limit 6. No more than 3 adults may be retained, of which no more than 2 may be adult CHINOOK. From Blue Creek to Mill Creek, release CHINOOK Oct 1 – Dec 31.
	SALMON	Jan 1 – April 30	Min size 12". Daily limit 6. No more than 2 adults may be retained. Release wild CHINOOK, wild COHO and CHUM.
	STURGEON	May 1- June 30	Catch and release (see page 64)
	STURGEON	July 1 – April 30	Min size 42". Max size 60". Daily limit 1. (See page 64)
	EULACHON	CLOSED	
<b>Additional rules for Mill Creek to Barrier Dam:</b> upstream from a line from Mill Creek to a boundary marker on the opposite shore: 1) CLOSED WATERS from the Barrier Dam downstream 400' or the posted deadline. 2) ALL SPECIES – night closure and non-buoyant lure restriction April 1- Oct 31 3) Fishing from boats prohibited at all times 4) CLOSED to fishing on the south side of the river May 1- June 15 5) Hours of access to this area are 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily.			
Cowlitz River From posted PUD sign on Peters Road to the mouth of Ohanepecosh and Muddy Fork	TROUT	June 1 – Oct 31	Min size 8". Daily limit 2. Release CUTTHROAT.
	All Game Fish	June 1 – Oct 31	Statewide min. size/daily limit.
	STEELHEAD	Nov 1 – May 31	Min size 20". Daily limit 2 hatchery steelhead only.

**Proposal 1:** Make the regulations for the Cowlitz River from the Barrier Dam to Mayfield Dam the same as below the Barrier Dam.

**Explanation 1:** This proposal would allow anglers to harvest hatchery salmon and steelhead that may jump the barrier dam or may have been placed upstream, while offering protection to smolts, wild cutthroat, spring Chinook and coho.

**PROPOSAL 2:** Close the Cowlitz River to all fishing from the south side of the river from Mill Creek to the Barrier Dam May 1 – June 15.

**EXPLANATION 2:** Currently, in the permanent rules, the area from Mill Creek to the Barrier Dam is open to fishing from the south bank. Spring chinook stage in this area and are vulnerable to snagging. This rule has been put into effect by emergency rule for the last several years. This stock is critical for wild spring chinook recovery in the Cowlitz basin and throughout the lower Columbia.

**Proposal 3:** Change the season on the upper Cowlitz from year-round to the standard stream season.

**EXPLANATION 3:** By changing the game fish season from year-round to the standard stream season (June 1- Oct 31) with a steelhead only season the rest of the year, this proposal provides protection for smolts while still providing opportunity to harvest late hatchery winter steelhead, both part of the re-introduction program in the upper Cowlitz watershed.

### **73. NORTH FORK LEWIS RIVER NIGHT CLOSURE**

**PROPOSAL:** Extend the night closure and non-buoyant lure restriction on the NF Lewis River from the mouth to Colvin Creek to end November 30 instead of October 31.

**EXPLANATION:** To reduce the potential for snagging salmon. There are still significant numbers of salmon in this area during the month of November.

### **74. CLOSE TRIBUTARIES TO THE LOWER KLIKITAT RIVER**

**PROPOSAL:** This rule, requested by the Yakama Nation, would close Swale Creek, Wahkiacus Creek, Skookumchuck Creek, Snyder Creek, Wheeler Creek, Dillacort Creek, and Silvas Creek (Klickitat Co) to fishing for trout.

**EXPLANATION:** This is intended to provide protection to summer steelhead juveniles (an ESA listed species). The tributaries recommended do not contain sufficient numbers of catchable size trout to warrant a fishery. Stream survey information confirms the presence of juvenile anadromous fish.

### **75. UPPER KLIKITAT SEASON EXTENSION**

**PROPOSAL:** Extend the season for game fish on the Klickitat River (Klickitat Co) above Pitt Bridge through the last day of February. The season for whitefish would still remain open December 1 – March 31, but special whitefish gear would only be required in March.

**EXPLANATION:** By extending the season, this proposal would increase harvest of marked hatchery summer run steelhead throughout Klickitat River and reduce the stray rate of this non-indigenous stock and the potential negative impacts to listed ESA wild steelhead populations.

### **76. CARLISLE LAKE BASS RULE**

**PROPOSAL:** Change the bass rule for Carlisle Lake (Lewis Co) to the statewide standard for bass: no minimum size – daily limit 5, but only bass less than 12” or greater than 17” may be retained. No more than one over 17” may be retained.

**EXPLANATION:** The bass rule for Lake Carlisle was not changed to the statewide rule last year – and was an oversight that this rule will correct.

### **77. FORT BORST POND FISHING**

**PROPOSAL:** For Fort Borst Pond (Lewis Co) - drop the family fishing rule (licensed adults accompanied by a juvenile) for this water. Allow fishing only by juveniles (under 15 years old).

**EXPLANATION:** This proposal is intended to provide more opportunity for juveniles to fish in this water. The family fishing rule has not worked as intended. Instead of families fishing together throughout the summer, more experienced adult anglers got easy limits for a few weeks while their kids watched or played nearby, followed by greatly reduced angling opportunity for the rest of the year.



## **78. MOTOR RULES FOR LAKES IN GIFFORD PINCHOT NATIONAL FOREST**

**PROPOSAL:** Prohibit fishing from boats with internal combustion engines in Goose, Mosquito, Tahklakh, Ollalie and Horseshoe lakes in Gifford Pinchot National Forest (Skamania Co).

**EXPLANATION:** The US Forest Service, who manages these lakes, restricts the use of boats equipped with internal combustion engines. This proposal will match the Forest Service Rules.

## **79. COWLITZ RIVER, MAYFIELD AND RIFFE LAKES CLOSED WATERS**

**PROPOSALS:** Identify closed areas below Mayfield, Mossyrock, and Cowlitz Falls dams and around the water intake structure at the Cowlitz Hatchery. CLOSED WATERS areas would be— (1) Cowlitz River from 400 feet or posted markers below the barrier dam to boundary markers near the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery water intake located about 1,700 feet upstream from the barrier dam; (2) Cowlitz River from Mayfield Dam downstream 400 feet; (3) Mayfield Lake from Mossyrock Dam downstream to the Tacoma Power safety signs at Onion Rock Bridge located just below the dam; and (4) Riffe Lake from Cowlitz Falls Dam downstream to the Lewis CO PUD safety signs located about 800 feet below the dam.

**EXPLANATION:** To provide orderly fisheries with closed areas consistent with access closures below the dams and around the water intake structure at Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery. Tacoma Power and Lewis CO PUD already have closed some of the areas to access. This proposal would close these same areas to fishing.

## **80. MAYFIELD LAKE AND TILTON RIVER CUTTHROAT**

**PROPOSAL:** In Mayfield Lake and the Tilton River from the mouth to the West Fork, require the release of all cutthroat.

**EXPLANATION:** This proposal will provide protection for sea-run cutthroat trout, which are part of the Tilton River anadromous fish re-introduction project. Juvenile sea-run cutthroat are being released into the Tilton River and smolts are collected from Mayfield Lake and released downstream. Returning adults are released back into the Tilton River. This rule would be consistent with the rules in the Cowlitz and Cispus Rivers and Lake Scanewa.

## REGION 6 RULES

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### 81. BIG BEEF CREEK

#### PROPOSAL:

WATER	SPECIES	SEASON	ADDITIONAL RULES
Big Beef Creek (Kitsap Co) from Seabeck Highway Bridge to Lake Symington	All Game Fish	June 1 – Aug 31	Catch and release and selective gear rules.

**EXPLANATION:** This proposal makes the Big Beef Creek fishery catch and release for all game fish, with selective gear rules. Hatchery cutthroat and rainbow trout are not stocked in the Big Beef Creek watershed. Resident, and sea-run cutthroat trout, wild coho, and wild steelhead parr are present throughout the system during the open fishing period. Changing to selective gear regulations and catch and release would retain fishing opportunity, reduce the numbers of wild coho and steelhead smolts encountered in the fishery, and reduce injuries to these fish. This rule change would also standardize freshwater regulations of several Hood Canal tributaries (see Dewatto, Union, and Tahuya River regulations).

### 82. BIG RIVER WILD STEELHEAD RETENTION

**PROPOSAL:** Close the wild steelhead retention fishery and change to catch and release and selective gear rules for all game fish. (Retain the June 1 – Feb 28 season).

**EXPLANATION:** Big River is a small, non-monitored tributary to Lake Ozette and is vulnerable to over harvest. There is no information to determine the status of the wild steelhead run. It has been open for wild steelhead harvest for many years and only 3 have been reported caught since 1994/95. An average of 4 marked (hatchery) winter steelhead were harvested annually from 1994/95-99/00 (WDFW Catch Record Cards). No steelhead were reported harvested in 2000/01-01/02. Marked summer steelhead were reported caught in 1999/00 (6), 1996/97 (8) and 1994/95 (3). All hatchery fish caught are strays because there are no hatchery releases into Big River. This regulation is consistent with the Olympic National Park regulation in the Ozette River.

### 83. DICKEY, BOGACHIEL, AND CALAWAH SEASONS

**PROPOSAL:** Close all of these streams on April 15 instead of April 30 (or in the case of the SF Calawah, February 28).

**EXPLANATION:** This proposal is similar to the Sol Duc proposal listed previously. It provides a consistent closure for most streams in the area, which should help spread out angling pressure and expands the opportunity on the SF Calawah. It also closes these rivers to wild steelhead harvest prior to peak spawning time, which is normally around the first of May.

## **84. DUNGENESS RIVER SEASON**

**PROPOSAL:** Extend the game fish season in the Dungeness River (Clallam Co) from the mouth to the hatchery intake pipe at RM 11.3 to end March 15 instead of the last day of February, making the season Oct 16 – March 15. (All other rules remain in place)

**EXPLANATION:** This extension will allow anglers additional time to harvest additional hatchery steelhead

## **85. HOKO RIVER HATCHERY STEELHEAD**

**PROPOSAL:** Allow anglers to retain up to 2 hatchery steelhead per day during the fly fishing only fishery in the Hoko River from the upper Hoko Bridge to the Ellis Creek Bridge (RM 18.5) from June 1 – March 31. This fishery would remain catch and release for trout other than hatchery steelhead.

**EXPLANATION:** This section of the Hoko River has been on catch-and-release, fly fishing only regulations for many years. The Makah Tribe's hatchery rearing pond is just downstream of the upper Hoko Bridge and consequently hatchery steelhead do stray into the catch-and-release, fly fishing only area. This regulation will allow the harvest of some of these strays and prevent them from spawning in the wild.

## **86. HOQUIAM RIVER AND ALL FORKS, CATCH AND RELEASE SEASON**

**PROPOSAL:** For the Hoquiam River, (Grays Harbor Co), including all forks, retain the June 1 – Mar 31 game fish season but make the fishery catch and release and selective gear rules from March 1 – March 31. The salmon season would remain unchanged.

**EXPLANATION:** Early timed hatchery steelhead smolts were released into the EF Hoquiam River: 2002 - 22,000; 2001 - 15,000; 2000 - 18,300. Statewide rules will maximize hatchery winter steelhead harvest, Catch & release with selective gear rules beginning March 1 will provide fishing opportunity on a healthy wild fish stock. The opportunity to harvest hatchery steelhead will still be provided.

## **87. KALALOCH, CEDAR AND MOSQUITO CREEKS WILD STEELHEAD RETENTION**

**PROPOSAL:** Close the wild steelhead retention fishery in these three creeks, and require selective gear rules.

**EXPLANATION:** The wild steelhead populations in these streams are small and vulnerable to over-harvest. Kalaloch and Cedar Creeks are not monitored for escapement. Mosquito Creek was monitored in 2000, 2001 and 2003 (only 2 surveys per season). Approx. 6.1 miles and 5.3 miles were surveyed in 2000 and 2001, respectively. Spawning escapement estimates were 112 (18.4/mile) in 2000 and dropped to 52 (9.8/mile) in 2001. No surveys were conducted in 2002 due to lack of available staff. Only one survey in the 5.3 mile index area was completed on 4/16/03 and one additional in the lower 2.5 miles of the index area on 4/29/03. A total of only 27 redds were counted which is equal to about 50 steelhead (~9/mile).

## 88. NASELLE RIVER SEASON

**PROPOSAL:** Naselle River – mouth to North Fork – extend the game fish season to April 15. Retain current rules (catch and release for all game fish except up to 2 hatchery steelhead may be retained), but add selective gear rules from March 1 – April 15.

**EXPLANATION:** The Naselle wild steelhead run is healthy and exceeding its escapement goal. This proposal will allow anglers additional opportunity to utilize this resource. The season will close prior to the peak of spawning.

## 89. PUYALLUP AND CARBON RIVERS SEASON

**PROPOSAL:** On the Puyallup River from the 11<sup>th</sup> St Bridge to the Soldier's Home Bridge in Orting and the Carbon River from the mouth to the Highway 162 Bridge - close the game fish season on the last day in February instead of March 31. Other rules remain unchanged.

**EXPLANATION:** The Puyallup and Carbon rivers have been closed at the end of February by emergency regulation the past several years because the number of wild winter steelhead returning to the system has been substantially below the escapement goal.

## 90. QUILLAYUTE RIVER SEASON

**PROPOSAL:**

WATER	SPECIES	SEASON	ADDITIONAL RULES
Quillayute River (Clallam Co) from mouth to confluence of Sol Duc and Bogachiel rivers, including Olympic National Park waters	TROUT	June 1- April 15	Min size 14". Daily limit 2. 1 wild STEELHEAD per day may be retained Dec 1 – Apr 15.
	Other Game Fish	June 1-April 15	Statewide min size and daily limit.
	All Game Fish	Apr 16 – May 31	Catch and release except up to 2 hatchery steelhead may be retained.
	SALMON	Mar 1-Aug 31	Min size 12" Daily limit 6. No more than 2 adults may be retained. Release wild adult CHINOOK and wild adult COHO.
	SALMON	Sept 1 – Nov 30	Min size 12" Daily limit 6. No more than 3 adults may be retained. No more than a total of 2 adults may be CHINOOK or wild COHO.

**EXPLANATION:** This proposal will provide consistent winter steelhead closures to wild steelhead retention on the north coast (Queets, Clearwater, Hoh and S.F. Hoh all close on Apr. 15). The current game fish catch and release fishery (except up to 2 hatchery steelhead may be retained) during the spring chinook salmon fishery would still occur, but would begin on April 16 instead of May 1. Anglers will still be concentrated here and on the Sol Duc during the last two weeks in April because of the open salmon fishery but harvest of wild steelhead will be eliminated after April 15. This also closes the river to wild steelhead harvest prior to peak spawning time which is normally around the first of May.

## **91. UPPER QUINULT RIVER SEASON**

**PROPOSAL:** Extend the game fish season on the Upper Quinault River (from the mouth at the upper end of Quinault Lake upstream to the National Park boundary) from the current March 31 to April 15. This would also extend the wild steelhead retention fishery until April 15.

**EXPLANATION:** This proposal provides consistent winter steelhead closures on the north coast (Queets, Clearwater, Hoh and S.F. Hoh all close on Apr. 15) to help spread out angling pressure during the wild steelhead retention season.

## **92. SALMON RIVER WILD STEELHEAD RETENTION**

**PROPOSAL:** Close the wild steelhead retention fishery in the Salmon River outside the Quinault Indian Reservation and Olympic National Park. Anglers may still retain hatchery steelhead, but hatchery steelhead are identified in the Salmon River as steelhead with a dorsal fin height of less than 2 1/8" or with an adipose or ventral fin clip.

**EXPLANATION:** This proposal will provide protection to wild steelhead. The Salmon River wild winter steelhead are subjected to high fishing pressure because of directed harvest on hatchery steelhead. Very few of the hatchery steelhead are marked and the wild escapement is not monitored in Salmon River. The Olympic National Park (ONP) has required the dorsal fin measurement to identify hatchery steelhead in the Queets mainstem and has adopted this same regulation in the Park area of Salmon River. This proposed regulation would be consistent with the ONP regulation.

## **93. EAST FORK SATSOP RIVER SALMON SEASON**

**PROPOSAL:** Open a salmon season for hatchery coho and chum (no retention of wild coho or chinook) on the EF Satsop River (Grays Harbor Co) from the bridge at Schafer Park upstream to the mouth of Bingham Creek November 1 - 30. The game fish season (with current daily limits and minimum sizes) would also be extended in this area through November. Selective gear rules would be required for all species in this area during the month of November.

**EXPLANATION:** Large numbers of excess coho return to the Bingham Creek Hatchery, located on the East Fork Satsop. Extending the fishing area and season for salmon will allow anglers access to hatchery coho, but minimize potential snagging problems. (This proposed season addition is not shown on the pamphlet entry for the proposal titled "*Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers Motor Prohibition*").

## 94. SOL DUC RIVER

### PROPOSAL:

WATER	SPECIES	SEASON	ADDITIONAL RULES
Sol Duc River (Clallam Co) from mouth to concrete pump station at Sol Duc Hatchery	TROUT	June 1-April 15	Min size 14". Daily limit 2. 1 wild STEELHEAD per day may be retained Dec 1 – Apr 15.
	Other Game Fish	June 1-April 15	Statewide min size and daily limit.
	All Game Fish	Apr 16 – May 31	Catch and release except up to hatchery steelhead may be retained.
	SALMON	Mar 1-Aug 31	Min size 12" Daily limit 6. No more than 2 adults may be retained. Release wild adult CHINOOK and wild adult COHO.
	SALMON	Sept 1 – Nov 30	Min size 12" Daily limit 6. No more than 3 adults may be retained. No more than a total of 2 adults may be CHINOOK or wild COHO.
From concrete pump station at Sol Duc Hatchery to Hwy 101 Bridge downstream of Snider Creek	TROUT	June 1 April 15	Min size 14". Daily limit 2. Selective gear rules Nov 1 – April 15.
	Other Game Fish	June 1 –April 15	Statewide min size and daily limit. Selective gear rules Nov 1 – April 15.
From Hwy 101 Bridge downstream of Snider Creek to Olympic National Park boundary	TROUT	June 1 – Oct 31	Min size 14". Daily limit 2. Selective gear rules.
	Other Game Fish	June 1 – Oct 31	Statewide min size and daily limit. Selective gear rules.

**EXPLANATION:** This rule change will provide consistent winter steelhead closures on the north coast (Queets, Clearwater, Hoh and S.F. Hoh all close to wild fish retention on Apr. 15). The current game fish catch and release fishery (except up to 2 hatchery steelhead may be retained) during the spring chinook salmon fishery would still occur, but would begin on April 16 instead of May 1. Anglers will still be concentrated here and on the Quillayute River during the last two weeks in April because of the open salmon fishery but harvest of wild steelhead will be eliminated after April 15. This also closes the river to wild steelhead harvest prior to peak spawning time, which is normally around the first of May.

## 95. TAHUYA RIVER, DEWATTO RIVER SEASON

### PROPOSAL:

WATER	SPECIES	SEASON	ADDITIONAL RULES
Tahuya River (Mason Co) from mouth to marker approx 1 mi above North Shore Rd Bridge	All Game Fish	June 1-Oct 31	Catch and release Selective gear rules.
	SALMON	Sept 16 – Oct 31	Min size 12". Daily limit 2 COHO only. Selective gear rules.
From marker approx 1 mi above North Shore Rd Bridge to Bear Creek-Dewatto Road crossing	All Game Fish	June 1 –Oct 31	Catch and release. Selective gear rules.
From Bear Creek-Dewatto Road crossing upstream	All Game Fish	June 1 – Oct 31	Catch and release. Selective gear rules.

WATER	SPECIES	SEASON	ADDITIONAL RULES
Dewatto River (Mason Co) from mouth to Dewatto-Holly Rd Bridge	All Game Fish	June 1-Oct 31	Catch and release Selective gear rules
	SALMON	Sept 16 – Oct 31	Min size 12". Daily limit 2 COHO only. Selective gear rules.
From Dewatto-Holly Rd Bridge to Bear Creek- Dewatto Road	All Game Fish	June 1 – Oct 31	Catch and release. Selective gear rules.
From Bear Creek-Dewatto Road upstream	All Game Fish	June 1 – Oct 31	Catch and release. Selective gear rules.

**EXPLANATION:** This regulation proposes to close the winter steelhead season and change the season on both these streams to the (statewide stream season). This proposal also changes all open seasons to selective gear rules which were not previously in place during the salmon seasons. This proposal is intended to protect wild winter steelhead population consistent with WDFW Steelhead Management Plan which states: ***“If a wild steelhead run is predicted to return below the escapement goal and there are few or no harvestable hatchery steelhead mixed with the under-escaped wild run or there are few or no harvestable wild steelhead of another race (i.e. winter or summer steelhead) mixed with the under-escaped wild run, all recreational steelhead fisheries will be closed”***.

Wild winter steelhead escapement in the Tahuya River has ranged from 73 to 340 fish from 1992 through 2001 and has been consistently (i.e., in 9 of the last 10 years) below the escapement goal of 236 fish; the stock is rated Depressed in Salmonid Stock Inventory due to chronically low escapement. No hatchery steelhead smolts have been stocked since 1994 so no hatchery steelhead adults are predicted to return.

Wild winter steelhead escapement in the Dewatto River has ranged from 11 to 40 fish from 1993 through 2001 and is consistently below the escapement goal of 138 fish; the stock is rated Depressed in SaSI due to chronically low escapement. No hatchery steelhead smolts have been stocked since 1994 so no hatchery steelhead adults are predicted to return.

The proposal also adds selective gear rules to the salmon fishery to protect sea-run cutthroat trout from hook-and-release mortality associated with use of bait. Catch-and-release and selective gear rules are in effect for game fish, including sea-run cutthroat. Many sea-run cutthroat are caught and released during the salmon fishery. Studies have shown that hooking mortality is high when fish are caught on bait and released. This proposal also standardizes the regulation in all sections and in all seasons to selective gear rules, which should reduce angler confusion with the regulations.

## 96. UNION RIVER SEASON

### PROPOSAL:

WATER	SPECIES	SEASON	ADDITIONAL RULES
Union River (Mason Co) from mouth to North Shore Rd Bridge	All Game Fish	June 1-Oct 31	Catch and release.
From North Shore Rd Bridge to the lower bridge on the Old Belfair Highway	All Game Fish	June 1 –Aug 15	Catch and release. Selective gear rules.
From to the lower bridge on the Old Belfair Highway upstream	All Game Fish	June 1 – Oct 31	Catch and release. Selective gear rules.

**EXPLANATION:** This proposal would close the winter steelhead season and change the Union River to a standard stream season (June 1 – Oct 31). Catch and release and selective gear rules remain in place. (NOTE – the middle section of the river closes early for protection of summer chum salmon.

This proposal is intended to protect the wild winter steelhead population consistent with WDFW Steelhead Management Plan which states: ***“If a wild steelhead run is predicted to return below the escapement goal and there are few or no harvestable hatchery steelhead mixed with the under-escaped wild run or there are few or no harvestable wild steelhead of another race (i.e. winter or summer steelhead) mixed with the under-escaped wild run, all recreational steelhead fisheries will be closed”***; and ***“For wild runs where run sizes, escapement goals, escapements, and status cannot be readily estimated, WDFW will opt for conservative regulations (e.g., WSR, closed seasons and closed areas). Conservative regulations will remain in effect until it can be documented that the run is producing a harvestable surplus”***. Wild winter steelhead escapement in the Union River has ranged from 45 to 73 fish from 1998 through 2001; no escapement goal has been identified; the stock is rated Unknown in SaSl. (Salmonid Stock Inventory) No hatchery steelhead smolts have been stocked since 1994 so no hatchery steelhead adults are predicted to return.

## 97. WISHKAH RIVER SEASON

**PROPOSAL:** For the Wishkah River (Grays Harbor Co) from the mouth to 400 feet below the outlet of Wishkah rearing ponds – keep the June 1 – March 31 season, but beginning March 1 the fishery would be catch and release and selective gear rules for all game fish.

**EXPLANATION:** This proposal is intended to maximize the harvest of any hatchery winter steelhead that stray into the river during the December through February time frame. Catch and release and selective gear rules beginning March 1 will provide fishing opportunity on wild steelhead. Hatchery smolts are not released into the river.



## 98. WYNOOCHEE AND SATSOP RIVERS MOTOR PROHIBITION

### PROPOSAL:

WATER	SPECIES	SEASON	ADDITIONAL RULES
WYNOOCHEE RIVER (Grays Harbor Co.) from mouth to 7400 Line Bridge above mouth of Schafer Creek	TROUT	June 1-Mar. 31	Min size 14" Daily limit 2.
	Other Game Fish	June 1-Mar. 31	Statewide min size/daily limit.
	SALMON	Sept. 1-Jan. 31	Min size 12" Daily limit 6. No more than 2 adults may be retained. Release adult CHINOOK.
	EULACHON	CLOSED	
	ALL SPECIES -Motors prohibited upstream of the City of Aberdeen's water intake dam. Single point barbless hooks required Aug. 16-Nov. 30.		
From 7400 Line Bridge above mouth of Schafer Creek upstream	TROUT	June 1 – Oct 31	Min size 14" Daily limit 2.
	Other Game Fish	June 1- Oct 31	Statewide min size/daily limit.
	All Game Fish	Dec 1 – Mar 31	Selective gear rules. Catch and Release except up to 2 hatchery steelhead may be retained. Fishing from a floating device prohibited.
	EULACHON	CLOSED	
	ALL SPECIES - motors prohibited. CLOSED WATERS - from Wynoochee Dam downstream 400' and from barrier dam near Grisdale downstream 400'.		

WATER	SPECIES	SEASON	ADDITIONAL RULES
SATSOP RIVER AND EAST FORK (Grays Harbor Co.) from mouth to bridge at Schafer State Park	ALL SPECIES - Motors prohibited upstream of the mouth of the East Fork. Night closure, non-buoyant lure restriction and single point barbless hooks required Aug. 16-Nov. 30. from bridge at Schafer State Park upstream		
	TROUT	June 1-Mar. 31	Min size 14". Daily limit 2.
	Other Game Fish	June 1-Mar. 31	Statewide min size/daily limit.
	SALMON	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Min size 12". Daily limit 6, No more than 2 adults may be retained. Release adult CHINOOK.
	ALL SPECIES - Motors prohibited. Night closure, non-buoyant lure restriction and single point barbless hooks required Aug. 16-Oct 31		
From bridge at Schafer State Park upstream	TROUT	June 1-Oct. 31	Min size 14". Daily limit 2.
	Other Game Fish	June 1-Oct. 31	Statewide min size/daily limit.

WATER	SPECIES	SEASON	ADDITIONAL RULES
SATSOP RIVER, MIDDLE FORK (Turnow Branch) and WEST FORK (Grays Harbor Co) mouth to Cougar Smith Road	ALL SPECIES – Motors prohibited. Night closure and non-buoyant lure restriction Aug 16 –Nov 30.		
	TROUT	June 1 - Feb 28	Min size 14". Daily limit 2.
	Other Game Fish	June 1 - Feb 28	Statewide min size/daily limit.
	ALL SPECIES – Motors prohibited. Night closure and non-buoyant lure restriction Aug 16 – Oct 31		
	TROUT	June 1-Oct. 31	Min size 14". Daily limit 2.
From cougar Smith Road upstream	Other Game Fish	June 1-Oct. 31	Statewide min size/daily limit.

**PROPOSAL:** This proposal makes it unlawful to fish from a floating device equipped with a motor on the Wynoochee River above the City of Aberdeen's water intake dam, and on the Satsop River and Middle Fork Satsop above the confluence of the East and West Forks.

**EXPLANATION:** These small rivers are not suitable for fishing from powerboats, and can be fished from shore or from drift boats.

## **99. WYNOOCHEE RIVER SELECTIVE GEAR RULES**

**PROPOSAL:** Remove the selective gear rules requirement on the Wynoochee River (Grays Harbor Co) from the 7400 Line Bridge above the mouth of Schaefer Creek upstream from June 1 - October 31. Selective gear rules would remain in place for the winter fishery (December 1 – March 31). (This proposed change is shown on the pamphlet entry for the Wynoochee River from the proposal titled “*Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers Motor Prohibition*”).

**EXPLANATION.** Provides consistent gear regulations within the Chehalis River system. Both the Satsop and Chehalis rivers are open during the same time period without the selective gear restriction.

## **100. BEAVER LAKE TROUT MAXIMUM SIZE AND DAILY LIMIT**

**PROPOSAL:** Add a 12” maximum size for trout and change the daily limit from one to 5.

**EXPLANATION:** Beaver Lake has been on selective gear rules with a one fish limit since 2000. The regulations were designed to produce quality fishing, defined primarily as providing an increased number of larger fish. The regulation has failed to produce larger cutthroat and has resulted in much less fishing pressure on the lake. The lake was sampled (electrofished) by WDFW’s Region 6 warmwater team in the fall of 2002. They found an abundant population of native cutthroat that were under the average for condition factor. (A lot of fish but they were pretty skinny) This could be due to a limited food supply, competition with spiny ray fishes, (there are largemouth bass and yellow perch in the lake) or probably a combination of both. Harvesting more cutthroat (and spiny ray fishes) should result in producing larger, more robust fish. If more large fish are produced then, the 12-inch maximum size limit will assure that some have the opportunity to reach a larger size (15+”) for catch and release opportunity.

## **101. BENSON LAKE MOTOR RESTRICTION**

**PROPOSAL:** Make it unlawful to fish from a boat with an internal combustion engine at Benson Lake (Mason Co).

**EXPLANATION:** This is a small lake unsuited for the use of internal combustion engines. Homeowners around the lake passed a resolution in 1996 banning these engines. Mason County rules restrict their use.

## **102. COLLINS LAKE**

**PROPOSAL:** Change the season on Collins Lake (Mason Co) from year-round to an opening day season (Last Sat in April – Oct 31)

**EXPLANATION:** the Collins Lake Community stocks this lake. All surrounding property is privately owned. Landowners and Community Board of Trustees sent in a petition requesting this change.

### 103. LOST LAKE

**PROPOSAL:** Change the season on Lost Lake (Mason Co) from an opening day season (Last Sat in April – Oct 31) to a year-round season.

**EXPLANATION:** Lost Lake is very remote and is not fully stocked with hatchery trout. It also offers a good winter fishery, making it a good candidate for a year-round lake.

### 104. TEAL LAKE

**PROPOSAL:**

WATER	SPECIES	SEASON	ADDITIONAL RULES
Teal Lake (Jefferson Co)	All Game Fish	Last Sat in Apr-Aug 31	Statewide min size/daily limit. Internal combustion engines prohibited.
	All Game Fish	Sept 1 – March 30	Catch and release only. Selective gear rules.

**EXPLANATION:** The proposed change, from the current last Sat in April-Oct 31 season to a catch-and-release fishery beginning Sept 1, will provide a diversity of opportunity at this lake. A traditional opening day experience will be maintained, but a quality fishery will also be provided for part of the season.

## 2004-05 Sportfishing Proposals not Included for Public Comment

Proposal description	Submitter	Rationale
<b>Species Rules</b>		
Sprague Lake (Lincoln and Adams Co) put a daily limit of 25 or 35 on perch, bluegill and crappie.	Robert Butler	This issue is partly addressed in the staff proposal for a minimum size and daily limit for crappie in Sprague Lake and several other lakes. We do not support a limit on bluegill or perch at this time.
No size or daily limit for brook trout in rivers or lakes	Washington Trout	Modified version supported by staff and included in package - no size or daily limit for Eastern brook trout in rivers, streams and beaver ponds.
No size or daily limit for walleye statewide	Washington Trout	Given the historical introduction, proliferation, and public demand for these species, WDFW long ago made the commitment to manage them to the state's best advantage, including minimizing their impact to native fishes. Harvest has little impact on the smaller walleye that are the most predaceous on salmonids. Studies on the Columbia and Snake rivers have found that walleye predation on salmonids was less than 10% and much lower than the native northern pikeminnow.
No size or daily limit for channel catfish statewide	Washington Trout	Even though channel catfish have very low predation rates on salmonids, the current rules in most of the Columbia, Snake, and Yakima Rivers are already no size or daily limit for these fish. We intentionally stock them in some ponds and lowland lakes and want to retain the daily limit in these waters. For these reasons we do not support the proposed statewide rule.
No size or daily limit for tiger muskie statewide	Washington Trout	Tiger muskie are mostly predaceous on larger prey such as northern pikeminnow and suckers and have shown little interest in preying on the much smaller migrating salmonids.
No size or daily limit for bass	Washington Trout	Current statewide bass rule is a better choice to maintain balanced bass populations which have lower predation impacts. Unregulated bass populations result in unbalanced populations that are denser, and are mostly made up of bass under 12". These smaller bass usually have a higher predation impact on small migrating salmonids.
Bass tournaments - all anglers should have to purchase a license or permit allowing them to possess bass that don't meet state rules in place for the water fished. Alternative is to have contest participants abide by all the same rules as non-contestants	Henry Visker	All bass and walleye tournaments following weigh-ins, return to the water all caught 12"-17" bass. This is similar to the catch and release angling that all bass and walleye anglers enjoy. Tournament anglers may only temporarily retain 12-17" fish if they have a live well with a pump to circulate fresh water so that "protected slot" fish can be safely released unharmed. The general fishing public can still fish for and catch 12-17" bass, but must release them immediately.
Daily limit for trout in lakes, ponds and reservoirs should be 3.	Teeg Stouffer	Five fish, no min. size is appropriate for lake fisheries supported by hatchery catchable plants. Rather than decreasing the daily limit, we prefer a limit on the number of large fish retained in selected areas where large fish are present. This reduction in the daily limit may actually reduce angler participation.
<b>Gear Rules</b>		
Create a buoyant lure restriction to include "hooks must be attached to or below the floating lure. No hook may be tied above the lure. Hook size no greater than 1/2" from point to shank.	Ron Rinear	A modified proposal without the hook size restriction was included in the mailout for public comment.

Proposal description	Submitter	Rationale
More barbless hooks used for salmon and steelhead and get rid of the treble hooks on plugs for salmon and steelhead.	Ralph Hatzenbeler	Hook regulations are generally considered on a case by case basis and barbless hooks are in use now in all marine areas.
Make it unlawful to use spider wire, fire line or any type of similar line for game fish, statewide.	Alvin Uhl	No good reason offered to prohibit new line technology. WDFW would need much more evidence that any particular gear was detrimental to the resource in an unintended way before outlawing said gear.
Require barbless hooks statewide in fresh water for any non-handicapped angler over the age of 12 (or some age from 10-16)	Dean Albertson	The Commission rejected a similar proposal in the last major cycle - research doesn't indicate that barbless hooks reduce hooking mortality
No treble hooks on streams (exception might be made for Snake and Columbia rivers for bass fishing)	Patrick Michellien	Hook regulations are generally considered on a case by case basis. Continue to use selective gear rules and the non-buoyant lure rule on a case-by-case basis.
No treble hooks allowed on streams and rivers - exception would be for lures that float while at rest on the Columbia system	James Wallace	A freshwater rule banning treble hooks is too restrictive---continue to use selective gear rules and non-buoyant lure restriction on a case-by-case basis.
All species - change rules to provide equal opportunity to all groups (bait, flyfishers, plunkers, etc) Fly fishing only or selective gear rules discriminate.	James Hearn	Different gear restrictions provide fishing opportunity diversity for a diverse clientele that wants variety. Bait prohibitions applied on a case-by-case basis also are used to protect fish resources from excessive hooking mortality.
Steelhead and salmonid species statewide, year-round. When fishing with a guide, must use selective gear rules.	Marty Michaelis	Unfairly discriminates against fishing guides and their clients on waters where bait is a legal and effective fishing method for steelhead and salmon.
Change opening day from June 1 to first day of the three-day Memorial Day weekend	Dean Albertson	Streams are opened on June 1 to protect outmigrating juveniles. Late spawning steelhead remain a concern. A basic argument for keeping the present season opener was to reduce the impact of Memorial Day fishing intensity on wild trout populations. Memorial Day is not always the last weekend of May, there is a potential for a severe impact to salmonid smolts outmigrating - as many as 10% of smolts may migrate during the last week of May.
Allow anglers to continue to fish (catch and release) after retaining a limit.	Dean Albertson	Not for marine fish - too much mortality from hyperbaric injury. Promotes "high grading" and release of smaller, dead fish of all species.
Marine Areas - do not allow anglers to continue fishing or use juvenile catch cards to continue fishing until boat limit is reached.	Jim Williamson	Boat limit recently adopted is working well.
Change definition of snagged fish to one not hooked in the mouth (not also on the head)	George Poteet	Mailout will include a proposal that 1) defines the head 2) makes it illegal to possess a fish taken for personal use from fresh water that was not hooked inside the mouth or on the head.
<b>Sea-run Cutthroat</b>		
Release all sea-run cutthroat December 1 - May 31 in rivers.	William Rambo	Current regulations allow retention only in streams with adequate production otherwise retention of coastal cutthroat is not allowed.
Allow year-round fishing for sea-run cutthroat and salmon from the beaches of Marine Areas 8-1,8-2, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13.	Leland Miyawaki	Already open year round for cutthroat but must be catch and release - salmon season is an issue for N. of Falcon.

Proposal description	Submitter	Rationale
Marine area 8-2 should be open to 1 sea-run cutthroat and or Dolly Varden 14" minimum size May through September.	Brock Strickland	Area suggested is a mixed stock area (Skagit,Stillaguamish/Snohomish) Bull trout stocks are known to distribute widely in marine areas, while some bull trout stocks are healthy for some harvest others are not. Fishing in this area may allow harvest on weaker stocks.
Marine Area 8-2 re-open the sea-run cutthroat and or Dolly Varden fishery - daily limit 2 (or could settle for 1) , minimum size 14".	Brock Strickland	Area suggested is a mixed stock area (Skagit,Stillaguamish/Snohomish) Bull trout stocks are known to distribute widely in marine areas, while some bull trout stocks are healthy for some harvest others are not. Fishing in this area may allow harvest on weaker stocks.
<b>General Management</b>		
Reduce or eliminate planting of 6-10" trout and landlocked salmon for "put and take" fishery	William Rambo	This is a management suggestion, not a regulation proposal. There is a high economic value to these fisheries.
for "trout only managed lakes" undesirable species (bass, spiny rays) should have no daily limit and no size restriction.	Ernie Buchanan	Current bass rule is a better choice for mixed species waters. This proposal would promote continued illegal spread of warmwater fish into trout lakes.
Change selective fishery waters (lakes) to fly fishing only and catch & release.	Martin Weis	This is too restrictive and would eliminate established quality angling opportunities for non fly fishing anglers.
Consider a 10" minimum size, no maximum on trout and bass, daily limit 4 in all streams and lakes for a fee on a special permit.	Martin Wester	Statewide stream management for trout is based on natural production. A two fish daily limit has been determined to be the best management practice. The current bass rule is a better choice to maintain a balanced bass population and provide a better fishery.
Designate each freshwater water body as trout waters, spiny ray waters, or mixed waters. For trout waters it would be legal to return any spiny rays caught, spear fishing for spiny rays is permitted and no daily limit or size limit on spiny rays.	Stewart Jim Briggs	The current bass rule is a better choice to maintain a balanced bass population and provide a better fishery. Sometimes encouraging fishing for a species that was introduced illegally only encourages more illegal stocking.
Dedicate 2 rivers in each region as natural rivers - no fish planted or harvested	John Farrar	There are already many streams or sections of streams where no fish are planted and all fish are required to be released. Management needs are better addressed on a case-by-case basis.
Divide each river into 4 sections. Upper area closed. Next area closed one year - If escapement goal is not met, next area down is closed two years, if goal is not met, whole river is closed for 3 years.	James Hearn	More of a management option than regulation proposal. We already do a lot of these things, i.e. close seasons on portions of a river to protect spawning fish or limit harvest, but on a case-by-case basis - not in such a regimented way.
<b>Licensing</b>		
Have one adhesive sticker divided equally between WDFW and WA State Parks to put on your vehicle for access area parking. Leave one side blank if the person only purchases one permit. Have a space on each portion for a yearly validation sticker (like on c	Reg Morgan	Will send to Licensing for discussion with Parks and Recreation -not a sport rule.
Senior license prices should start at age 62 or 65.	Ronald Zeuschel	Proposal will be forwarded to the Director's Office and Business Services Program (Licensing Div.). Not a sportfishing rule change proposal.

Proposal description	Submitter	Rationale
Charge a license fee to canoes and rafters for river use	James Hearn	Not within our ability to regulate or license these users.
<b>Not Proposals</b>		
Get more bank access - make some handicapped accessible.	Darrell Kearns	WDFW strives to provide access for all types of anglers. If there are areas where WDFW has failed to provide some shoreline or handicapped access, we would like to know more about anglers' concerns.
No possession limits or trip limits for charter skippers or deck hands on paying trips.	John Bergquist	Unclear as to whether this means skippers and deck hands should not be able to fish, or whether no possession limit should apply to them.
All species - commercial ocean fishing license cost should be equitable with sport license fees (commercials catch about 1/2 of the fish)	James Hearn	Not a sport regulation- fees set by the State Legislature.
New commercial Indian fishing in the ocean (including crab) shall be licensed and changed the same as non-native commercial fishers	James Hearn	The State does not license tribal fishers.
Increase fines to \$1000 for killing wild chinook salmon in closed waters and publicize it	Keith Robbins	Not a rule proposal. Fine amount not at the discretion of WDFW.
<b>Pamphlet Issues</b>		
Quilcene River - Rodgers St to Hwy 101 add "no public access without landowner permission see page 20.	Ron and Rose Nowak	Pamphlet issue - not a rule change - will be forwarded to fishing pamphlet committee for their review.
Quilcene River - Rodgers St to Hwy 101 add "no public access without landowner permission see page 20.	Mike Whittaker	Pamphlet issue - not a rule change - will be forwarded to fishing pamphlet committee for their review.
Quilcene River - Rodgers St to Hwy 101 add "no public access without landowner permission see page 20.	Mark Baclawski	Pamphlet issue - not a rule change - will be forwarded to fishing pamphlet committee for their review.
Quilcene River - Rodgers St to Hwy 101 add "no public access without landowner permission see page 20.	Charles and Teri Ward	Pamphlet issue - not a rule change - will be forwarded to fishing pamphlet committee for their review.
Quilcene River - Rodgers St to Hwy 101 add "no public access without landowner permission see page 20.	Chuck and Kym Johnston	Pamphlet issue - not a rule change - will be forwarded to fishing pamphlet committee for their review.
Quilcene River - Rodgers St to Hwy 101 add "no public access without landowner permission see page 20.	Jeff Simon	Pamphlet issue - not a rule change - will be forwarded to fishing pamphlet committee for their review.
Clearer definitions of marine areas. Shaded areas in Area 7 have not direct ties to the text. Maybe create areas 7-1 and 7-2	Michael Lynch	Pamphlet issue - not a rule change - will be forwarded to fishing pamphlet committee for their review.
<b>Two Poles</b>		
Allow 2 rods in fresh water with the purchase of a 2nd rod stamp. Money goes toward conservation education.	Kenneth Schueler	Commission made the decision last major cycle that they did not support the concept of more than one rod per fisher.
Allow 2 rods statewide with the purchase of a 2nd rod stamp.	Larry Williams	Commission made the decision last major cycle that they did not support the concept of more than one rod per fisher.

Proposal description	Submitter	Rationale
Allow anglers to purchase a license to fish with two poles in lakes and rivers.	Nick Naccarato	Commission made the decision last major cycle that they did not support the concept of more than one rod per fisher.
Allow two poles in fresh water for a \$5.00 fee.	Norbert Wehrli	Commission made the decision last major cycle that they did not support the concept of more than one rod per fisher.
Change the one fishing pole per person rule.	Kirk Bramlett	Commission made the decision last major cycle that they did not support the concept of more than one rod per fisher.
Change rule that limits fishing to one line for all species except steelhead.	Jerry Vigil	Commission made the decision last major cycle that they did not support the concept of more than one rod per fisher.
Allow a 2nd line with a special permit	John Mataka	Commission made the decision last major cycle that they did not support the concept of more than one rod per fisher.
Allow one extra fishing pole for the boat when fishing for salmon.	John Bergquist	Commission made the decision last major cycle that they did not support the concept of more than one rod per fisher.
Allow sport fishers to have a stamp for \$7 that allows them to fish 2 rods in a boat.	Gene Brown	Commission made the decision last major cycle that they did not support the concept of more than one rod per fisher.
<b>Crab</b>		
Open crabbing year-round to ring nets and star traps	Christian Nelson	Would promote wastage - soft shell damage.
Open Marine Areas 8-2 and 9 from Picnic Point to the Shipwreck at the same time for crabbing to cut down on poaching. Also, open Mid-April or no later than May 1.	Chris Paulson	Crab seasons are now set to avoid softshell periods. Staff proposal would open Area 9 June 1 and Area 8-2 May 16.
Stricter limits for commercial crabbers in Port Susan Bay.	David Johnson	This is an allocation issue and is addressed by a policy adopted by the Commission.
Marine Area 7 - allow harvest of Dungeness and rock crab by wading year-round.	Darrell Kearns	Would promote wastage - soft shell damage. Crab mortality is not instantaneous but delayed - direct observation of mortalities is unlikely.
Reduce Dungeness crab limit from six to five	Todd Osborne	Proposals to reduce crab bag limit were not supported - our Crab Advisory Group favors other means to lengthen season (Puget Sound)
Limit crabs to 4 per day and Saturdays and Sundays only.	Robin Hutchison	Proposals to reduce crab bag limit were not supported - our Crab Advisory Group favors other means to lengthen season (Puget Sound)
Dungeness crab in area 8-2 - daily limit 4 in the summer. Open all of 8-2 at the same time instead of in sections.	Ken Bacon	Proposals to reduce crab bag limit were not supported - our Crab Advisory Group favors other means to lengthen season (Puget Sound). Staff proposal would open Area 8-2 on May 16.
Reduce daily limit for crab to 4 in Puget Sound year-round.	Donna Palmer	Proposals to reduce crab bag limit were not supported - our Crab Advisory Group favors other means to lengthen season (Puget Sound)
<b>Shrimp</b>		
Allow two shrimp pots per buoy line in Puget Sound.	Mark Richardson	Affects the catch per unit of effort relationship used for estimating harvest because we would not be able to tell how many pots are attached to a buoy.
Change daily limit for spot shrimp in Puget Sound and Hood Canal from 80 to 40.	Todd Osborne	Public preference is to prolong fishery through other methods while maintaining quality catch experience.
Marine Areas 8-1, 8-2, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 - open for spot shrimp only on Saturdays.	Jeff Kruse	We have a very limited amount of staff available to monitor these fisheries. If all areas were open on the same day we could not monitor them all. So staggered openings become necessary.



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Marine Areas 8-1, 8-2, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 - eliminate commercial spot shrimp season and extend the recreational season.	Jeff Kruse	Allocation issue for F&W Commission - not a proposal we can accommodate.
Make Burrows Bay a recreational only shrimp fishing area.	Steware Jim Briggs	This proposal was sent to the Shrimp Advisory group for their review.
Hood Canal shrimp fishery should be open more hours each day.	Norm Curtis	In discussions with our Advisory Group and the general public, the majority seem to favor having seasons standardized as much as possible, rather than seasons set around tidal cycles that would change from year to year.
Razor clam season - have a shorter season, but have it open on consecutive days.	Henry Binion	Consecutive day openings are already allowed when season is compressed or during holiday periods. There are annual public planning meetings for the razor clam seasons.
Marine Areas 6,7,8-1, 8-2, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 - lingcod fishery open on Wednesdays and Saturdays only.	Jeff Kruse	Lingcod are rebuilding - further restrictions unnecessary at this time.
Marine Areas 5-13 - lengthen the spearfishing season for lingcod to May 1 - June 15 with a maximum size of 40".	Whatcom County MRC	We recently leveled playing field between divers and line anglers by adjusting lengths of seasons.
No live bait allowed for ling cod.	John Bergquist	Lingcod stocks are increasing/rebuilding . Keep current rules in place for Puget Sound.
Marine Areas 4,5,6,7,8-1,8-2, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 - lingcod size for spear fishermen - minimum 22", maximum 40".	Mark Nihart	We just recently changed spear season to level playing field due to no size limit for divers. A size limit is impossible to enforce underwater - further protections not needed currently as rebuilding is occurring with existing rules.
Marine Areas 4,5,6,7,8-1,8-2, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 - lingcod season for divers should be the same six week period as for hook and line fishermen.	Mark Nihart	We just recently changed spear season to level playing field due to no size limit for divers.
Marine Areas 4,5,6. Increase minimum size of ling cod to 30".	Mike McHenry	A small slot limit is not needed to protect lingcod stocks as they are increasing under the current rules.
Close inside Puget Sound to all bottom fishing	Keith Robbins	A total closure to bottomfishing is not necessary and would take away all angling opportunity because of the incidental catch during other fisheries. A rockfish non-retention option has been included in range of options for rockfish protection that are listed in the mailout for public comment.
Close lingcod to divers	Keith Robbins	Current rules with reduced diver season in place are equitable and stocks are rebuilding.
Open the halibut fishery in MA 9,10, and 11 on April 1.	Ken Paige	Proposal sent for discussion to the Halibut Advisory Group and Halibut Commission.
Increase daily limit for rockfish in Puget Sound to 5. Add a catch record card requirement and a yearly limit of 40 or 50 fish. Close season by emergency based on creel survey information.	James Boudovsque	Rockfish populations are currently depleted in Puget Sound. Liberalization of rockfish regulations would be counter-productive. See the proposals for rockfish conservation in the mailout for further discussion.
Close Marine Areas 4-13 to rockfish fishing year-round	Whatcom County MRC	A rockfish non-retention option has been included in range of options for rockfish protection that are listed in the mailout for public comment.

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Marine Areas 4-13 closed to rockfish fishing except during salmon and lingcod seasons and all catch of rockfish must be reported to WDFW as to type, size, time and location.	Whatcom County MRC	A rockfish non-retention option has been included in range of options for rockfish protection that are listed in the mailout for public comment. Improved catch accounting and biological sampling options are currently being considered by the Department.
Remove the Agate Pass closure (Jan-March)	Conrad Schloredt	We haven't given up on true cod yet - pursuing marine aquaculture as a means of potential recovery aid.
Consider reef balls for Washington's endangered bottomfish	Donald Larson	Interesting idea - not really a sportfishing rule proposal. Need follow up on cost, need and permits.
Marine Areas 4 and 5 - open fishery for wolf eel year-round, daily limit 1.	Mike Ramsdell	No info on stock structure or known available surplus.
<b>Marine Preserves</b>		
Marine and intertidal areas designated as marine reserves by the Seattle Parks Commission in Golden Gardens, Carkeek Park, South Alki/Richey Viewpoint, Lincoln Park, Schmitz Viewpoint, and Discovery Park closed to harvest of all species (fish and invertebrates).	Mike Sato Richard Osborne	Current Park regulations have these areas closed or restricted on harvest. Most are in intertidal areas and owned by Seattle parks. Some complement of authorities is possible but most habitat is not related to rockfish habitat.
Marine area described by a 200-yd buffer around all USFWS San Juan Islands National Wildlife Refuges in Area 7 (except Matia and Turn Islands) designated WDFW marine conservation areas and closed to the harvest of all fish and invertebrates.	Mike Sato Richard Osborne	Current USFWS advisories warn vessels off to a 200 yard buffer around designated islands for protection of birds and marine mammals (San Juan Islands National Wildlife Refuges). Through development of a rockfish conservation plan in 2004, the Department will be working with stakeholders and other governments to create a more integrated and comprehensive approach for identifying specific objectives and selecting locations of fishing area closures and/or marine protected areas.
<b>Salmon</b>		
Open Marine Area 9 to allow retention of hatchery Chinook July 1 - August 31.	Jeff Rhodes	This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
Allow anglers to keep wild coho in Area 5 in September.	William Ferman	This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
Change eastern boundary of the Chinook selective fishery in Area 6 (July 5 - July 31) from Ediz Hook to Point Wilson.	Duane Nail	This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
Open king salmon fishery on the Skagit River May 1 - July 31.	Darrell Kearns	This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
NF Nooksack - add a catch and release fishery up to Maple Falls from November 1 - December 31.	Darrell Kearns	This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
Columbia River - Bonneville Dam to mouth - drop the selective fishery for chinook.	Robert Mitcham	A selective fishery is the only way to provide meaningful opportunity on spring chinook.
Ocean sport fishing should be closed on Sunday and Monday and open Friday and Saturday.	Ron Pease	This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.

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Marine Area 12 - make the north of Ayock Point salmon fishery a north of Triton Head fishery instead.	William Aker	This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process. This boundary coincides with the area north of which is closed to protect Hamma Hamma, Duckabush and Dosewallips chinook.
Sinclair Inlet salmon fishery - open year-round for chinook	Henry Altenburg	The fishery is designed to harvest hatchery chinook returning to Gorst Creek- blackmouth from many other stocks utilize this area during other times of the year. The specifics for this fishery are decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
Sinclair Inlet July 1 - October 31 - increase the daily limit to 3 salmon.	Henry Altenburg	This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process. The standard two fish bag limit is appropriate. Most anglers in this area do not catch the 2 fish limit. Raising it would create false expectations and will not decrease surpluses at Gorst Cr.
Daily limit for salmon in MA 5,6,7,8-1, 8-2, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 should be 2 from Jan 1 through April 30.	Jerry Vigil	This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
Elliot Bay should be open to salmon fishing Aug 1 - Sept 30 7 days a week. Tribes should fish sockeye 2 days a week.	Primo Balletti	This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
Open chinook and pink season inside Discovery Bay. Wants more spot shrimp openings	No name	More shrimp openings where? Would 2 days/week (Sat/Thursday) meet the need? The chinook and pink season inside Discovery Bay is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
Pt Wilson area should be open for salmon when either area 6 or 9 are open. Otherwise, you should clearly define where the boundary is (same for Partridge Pt)	Keith Jackson	This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process. Should look at clarifying this at N. of Falcon.
Need more beach fisheries for salmon in all areas. Could be single barbless hooks only. Or open the salmon season for catch and release and fly fishing only. Or allow anglers to keep only marked fish.	Keith Jackson	This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process. Look at potential for more beach fisheries at N. of Falcon.
Hood Canal should be open for chinook salmon in all areas at the same time.	Keith Jackson	Certain time and area closures are necessary for protection of critical and listed salmon stocks. This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
Chum harvest in Hoodsport hatchery zone - should allow foul-hooked chum to be kept (with no overt snagging allowed) and increase the limit to 6 or 7.	Keith Jackson	A four fish bag is sufficient and helps with turnover of anglers in a limited area - allowing retention of foul hooked fish is problematic with Enforcement. This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.

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Quilcene River - should be able to keep snagged silver salmon during the regular season.	John McDuff	Consistent department position has been to oppose snagging. Listed summer chum are also present and may be adversely affected by allowing snagging. This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
Consider returning to the 2000 fish limit wild or hatchery chinook as in previous years.	Jim Fureby	This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
Re-open the area south of a line from Restoration Point in area 10 to summer chinook fishing.	George Larsen	This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
Close inner Elliot Bay king fishery. Give our share to the tribes.	George Larsen	A significant amount of recreational catch occurs in this area. This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
Return to the 2000 chinook limit in area 5.	Jim Fureby	This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
Allow salmon to be snagged in the Quilcene River	John McDuff	The consistent department position has been to oppose snagging. This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
Allow anglers to snag hatchery chum salmon in rivers and saltwater terminal fisheries using only single barbless hooks.	John McDuff	The consistent department position has been to oppose snagging. This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
Should have longer seasons for blackmouth and king salmon. The limit should be 2 fish. The area from Restoration Point to Alki Point should be re-opened to allow fishing from Alki, Lincoln Park and Blake Island.	Raymond Vodopost	This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
In 2004 and in the future, Area 10, Elliott Bay should be open for salmon on fishing	Rose Abbate	This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
No treble hooks allowed in Marine Areas (primarily for salmon)	Jim Williamson	Modified and placed in mailout for comment.
All marine areas open to beach fishing for salmon year-round.	Jim Williamson	This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
Allow salmon legally caught in Canada to be landed fresh in WA ports if fisher possesses a Canadian license and salmon stamp and catch the salmon during an open Canadian season.	Tim Holt	NOTE: this rationale applies to all of the proposals in this section. Puget Sound recreational fisheries are strictly limited by maximum allowable exploitation rates on Puget Sound Chinook, listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The types of marine salmon fisheries annually implemented through the North of Falcon process are carefully planned to strike an equitable balance of fishing opportunity across months and areas throughout Puget Sound. In recent years, salmon fishery closures have been implemented in a number of times and areas to reduce exploitation rates on listed chinook and comply with our legal requirements under ESA. There has been an interest among a number of U.S. anglers who fish in waters bordering Canada to be able to boat across the international boundary and fish for chinook when Washington waters are closed, then land those fish back in the state.

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Allow salmon legally caught in Canada to be landed fresh in WA ports if fisher possesses a Canadian license and salmon stamp and catch the salmon during an open Canadian season.	Ernie Holt	This allowance would encourage increased fishing effort and have the opposite affect intended by our closures – that is to reduce exploitation rates. The additional landing of chinook caught in Canadian waters would increase the exploitation rates on listed Puget Sound chinook stocks and simply create a need to implement additional closures in other
Allow salmon legally caught in Canada to be landed fresh in WA ports if fisher possesses a Canadian license and salmon stamp and catch the salmon during an open Canadian season.	Vic Holt	Puget Sound areas to counteract these increased impacts. This would disrupt the fragile balance of marine recreational fishing opportunities that we have tried to achieve across geographic areas within Puget Sound. This proposal to allow landings of Canadian caught salmon during Washington closures has received considerable discussion during the
Allow salmon legally caught in Canada to be landed fresh in WA ports if fisher possesses a Canadian license and salmon stamp and catch the salmon during an open Canadian season.	Evelyn Holt	See above rationale.
Allow salmon legally caught in Canada to be landed fresh in WA ports if fisher possesses a Canadian license and salmon stamp and catch the salmon during an open Canadian season.	Deb Holt	See above rationale.
Allow salmon legally caught in Canada to be landed fresh in WA ports if fisher possesses a Canadian license and salmon stamp and catch the salmon during an open Canadian season.	Becky Holt	See above rationale.
Allow landing of Canadian-caught salmon into a closed port if angler has a Canadian license.	Wayne King	See above rationale.
In Marine areas 4-7, during Canadian open salmon seasons, allow Canadian-caught salmon to be landed into US ports regardless of the season status in adjacent US waters.	Ben Davis	See above rationale.
Allow salmon legally caught in Canada to be landed fresh in Washington ports in Marine Areas 4,5,6, and 7.	Barbara Blake	See above rationale.
Allow salmon legally caught in Canada to be landed fresh in WA ports	James Maggard	See above rationale.
Marine Areas 4,5,6,and 7 - allow salmon legally caught in Canada to be landed fresh in Washington ports even if waters adjacent to these ports are not open to salmon fishing.	Bob Black	See above rationale.
Marine areas 4,5,6,and 7 - allow legally caught Canadian salmon to be landed fresh into WA ports.	William Turner	See above rationale.
Wild steelhead shall not be fully removed from the water in wild steelhead release waters	Ryan Petzold	Modified and placed in mailout for comment.
Make it unlawful to remove a wild steelhead from the water during a catch and release fishery.	Richard Simms	Modified and placed in mailout for comment.

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Steelhead - when release is required, fish shall not be removed from the water and shall be released within 60 seconds of landing.	James Hearn	Modified and placed in mailout for comment.
Remove the use of bait and double #4 hook setups commonly used by steelhead fishermen during the summer.	William Ferro III	As written applies statewide. Legislation prohibits us from implementing this type of bait ban. Applying a specific gear rule to only one species causes enforcement problems.
All fisheries for wild steelhead, catch and release included, should be closed March 1 - May 31 unless predicted adult returns equal or exceed escapement goals.	James Mason	Not really a sport rule - policy call. A Statewide Steelhead Management Plan is being developed. Will forward this suggestion to this process.
Close all fishing in areas providing primary spawning habitat for wild steelhead March 1 - May 31.	James Mason	Current regulations address most of these concerns.
Western WA rivers - place a 21" minimum size on rainbow trout.	Richard Burge, Nate Mantua	The current statewide rule for trout in streams is an 8" minimum size when sea-run cutthroat are not present. If sea-run cutthroat are present, the minimum size becomes 14". These minimum size limits protect resident spawning rainbows and sea-run cutthroat by allowing the majority of the females to spawn once before becoming available for harvest.
Close wild steelhead harvest November - January statewide.	Richard Burge, Nate Mantua	In those waters that are an exception to the statewide rule of wild steelhead release, harvest for winter fish is not allowed until December. The one wild fish/day spreads out wild harvest throughout the winter season (December through April). In addition, the majority of the waters that provide wild harvest opportunity also have catch-and-release areas that provide sanctuaries for early-returning wild steelhead.
Allow the use of barbless hooks only November - February for steelhead	Richard Burge, Nate Mantua	Research has shown that hooking mortality on adult fish is virtually the same with barbed or barbless hooks.
Reduce limit of wild steelhead from 5 a year to 2 a year.	Richard Burge, Nate Mantua	The Commission considered wild steelhead annual limits during the last major rule change cycle. It is too soon to consider an additional reduction.
To select steelhead broodstock: 1) indigenous; 2) wild; 3) river of origin; 4) no returnees to be reused. After 5 years all fish shall be considered as broodstock.	James Hearn	Not really a sport rule - policy call. A Statewide Steelhead Management Plan is being developed. Will forward this suggestion to this process.
All steelhead breeding will be conducted using live fish method of breeding (release of fish after spawning)	James Hearn	Not really a sport rule - policy call. A Statewide Steelhead Management Plan is being developed. Will forward this suggestion to this process.
Steelhead - use 10% of the largest fish returning as broodstock	James Hearn	Not really a sport rule - policy call. A Statewide Steelhead Management Plan is being developed. Will forward this suggestion to this process.
Steelhead - all 4 year or over fish to be used as broodstock	James Hearn	Not really a sport rule - policy call. A Statewide Steelhead Management Plan is being developed. Will forward this suggestion to this process.
Steelhead - no catch and release exclusive areas	James Hearn	The Department strives to provide a diversity of opportunities for steelhead anglers. The majority of anglers currently prefer to utilize wild fish opportunities through catch and release fisheries. Thus, the Department will continue to provide this type of opportunity where appropriate.

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Steelhead - legal fish shall be punched and counted toward possession whether kept or released	James Hearn	The Department tried this during the 1990s when the steelhead catch record card was not combined with other species. Follow-up surveys showed that anglers did not record released fish accurately. This, along with complications related to allocation with treaty Tribes and adding other species to the catch record card resulted in the Department dropping this requirement.
Remove annual limit for hatchery steelhead. (Retain annual limit for wild fish )	WDFW staff	This issue was addressed thoroughly during the last regulation development cycle. There was considerable public support for this proposal but the Commission chose not to adopt it.
Eliminate the 16 exceptions to the statewide catch and release of wild steelhead	John Huard	NOTE: This rationale applies to all of the proposals in this section. The Commission considered this during the last major regulation change cycle and did not adopt it. It is too soon to re-address this issue. In addition, not allowing wild steelhead under any circumstances will complicate allocation issues with treaty tribes.
Eliminate exception areas - i.e. catch and release of wild steelhead statewide	Scott Braun	See above rationale.
Prohibit harvest (kill) of wild steelhead with no exceptions	Bill Redman	See above rationale.
Release all wild steelhead - absolutely no kill	Robert Triggs	See above rationale.
Wild steelhead and salmon release mandatory	Brian Sittlow	See above rationale.
Mandatory release of all wild steelhead at all times	Jack Berryman	See above rationale.
Year-round statewide release of all wild steelhead	Randy Emerson	See above rationale.
Eliminate all exceptions that permit the killing of wild steelhead	Wild Steelhead Coalition	See above rationale.
Statewide release for all wild steelhead - no exceptions	Ryan Swanson	See above rationale.
Wild steelhead release all year	Renny Mason	See above rationale.
Wild steelhead release should be mandated on all streams of the state.	Washington Council of Trout Unlimited - Jim Tuggle	See above rationale.
Release all wild steelhead - no exceptions	Jerry Schroeder	See above rationale.
Wild steelhead release; selective fisheries during the smolt season; change indiscriminate commercial/tribal methods	Jim Mukai	See above rationale. Smolt protection accomplished by seasonal and area closures - legislation does not permit a total bait ban.
It shall be unlawful to kill a wild steelhead coming from any stream, river, tributary or reservoir anywhere in the state of WA	Dave Clark	See above rationale.
It shall be unlawful to kill a wild steelhead coming from any stream, river, tributary or reservoir anywhere in the state of WA - a wild steelhead is defined as any steelhead that does not have a clipped adipose fin.	Dave Clark	See above rationale.

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Statewide wild steelhead release - no exceptions.	Dave Aughey	See above rationale.
Statewide release of all wild steelhead, year around, no exceptions	Stephan Ostberg	See above rationale.
Mandatory release of all wild steelhead , no exceptions	Robert Masons	See above rationale.
Statewide wild steelhead release - no exceptions.	Ryan Petzold	See above rationale.
Catch and release only for wild steelhead - enforce no retention of wild steelhead on all waters	Teeg Stouffer	See above rationale.
Statewide release for all wild steelhead - no exceptions	Richard Raisler	See above rationale.
Wild steelhead release state wide no exceptions.	Jerry Schroeder	See above rationale.
Statewide release for all wild steelhead - no exceptions	Neil Oldenburg	See above rationale.
Total release of all wild steelhead not just summer run fish.	John McGlenn	See above rationale.
Statewide mandatory release of all wild steelhead year round no exceptions.	Thomas Buehrens	See above rationale.
Release of all wild steelhead statewide. No catch and keep of wild steelhead anywhere - with no exceptions.	Ed Scherer	See above rationale.
No wild steelhead may be retained, statewide, no exceptions.	Richard Burge	See above rationale.
Catch and release only for all wild steelhead - statewide	Tim Cottage	See above rationale.
Statewide wild steelhead release, year around, no exceptions.	Richard Simms	See above rationale.
Make it mandatory to release all wild steelhead.	James Grieve	See above rationale.
Statewide release for all wild steelhead - no exceptions	Steve Berns	See above rationale.
Wild steelhead year round release no exceptions.	Jeff Johnson	See above rationale.
Release wild steelhead no exceptions statewide	Shannon Holliday	See above rationale.
Release of wild steelhead statewide no exceptions.	Kurt Sherwood	See above rationale.
Release all wild steelhead with no exceptions	Joseph Kelly	See above rationale.
Statewide release of all wild steelhead, no exceptions	Michael Joe Cummins	See above rationale.
Release of wild steelhead required year-round. No exceptions.	Jamie Gjesdahl	See above rationale.



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Statewide release of all wild steelhead, no exceptions	Lance Henie	See above rationale.
Statewide release of all wild steelhead, year around, no exceptions	Lawrence Doyle	See above rationale.
<b>Sturgeon</b>		
Stop the catch & release fishery for oversize sturgeon in the Columbia below Bonneville dam.	Marv Davenport	See proposal in mailout to increase the area below Bonneville Dam that is closed to fishing for sturgeon from a boat.
Columbia River - no direct fishing for over-size sturgeon. Use only 1 single point hook for sturgeon.	Milt Gudgell	Cannot prevent fishing directed at oversize fish when there are legal size fish available to be caught. Mailout does include a proposal to close a larger area to the catch and release of oversize sturgeon.
Columbia River Bonneville Pool sturgeon season - don't open until May 16.	Jeff Nicol	Currently, this is one of the few fisheries open during the early part of the year. In the late spring and summer, there are many more angling opportunities.
Sturgeon on the Columbia above McNary Dam - annual limit of 1 fish.	Udell Burton	Commission is has just dropped+C357 the annual limit to 5 fish.
Sturgeon - require barbless hooks. Minimum size should be 50 to 60 inches.	Ralph Hatzenbeler	Barbless hooks are already required. There is good science behind the current slot limit.
<b>Region 1</b>		
Grande Ronde River - extend selective gear rules through December 31	Reed Kalder	Management intent is to maximize harvest of available hatchery steelhead to allow for recreation, and to reduce potential spawning impact by surplus hatchery fish upon wild steelhead stocks. This proposal conflicts with agency sponsored proposal to expand allowable use of bait beginning September 1.
<b>Region 2</b>		
<b>BULL TROUT PROPOSALS</b>		
Lake Wenatchee (Chelan Co) - Proposal A - add selective gear rule: no bait, single barbless hooks with gap size less than 5/16 inch.	US Fish and Wildlife Service	A modified version was put out in the mailout for public comment.
Lake Wenatchee (Chelan Co) Proposal B - add selective gear: no bait, single barbless hooks	US Fish and Wildlife Service	A modified version was put out in the mailout for public comment.
Chikamin Creek (Chelan Co) Proposal A - season June 1 - Aug 31, add selective gear rule: no bait; single barbless hooks, hooks with gap size less than 5/16"	US Fish and Wildlife Service	A modified version was put out in the mailout for public comment.
Chikamin Creek (Chelan Co) Proposal B - season June 1 - Aug 31 - add selective gear rule: no bait; single barbless hooks	US Fish and Wildlife Service	A modified version was put out in the mailout for public comment.
Rock Creek (Chelan Co) Proposal A - Season June 1 - Aug 31 - add selective gear rule: no bait; single barbless hooks, hooks with gap size less than 5/16"	US Fish and Wildlife Service	A modified version was put out in the mailout for public comment.
Rock Creek (Chelan Co) Proposal B - Season June 1 - Aug 31 - add selective gear rule: no bait; single barbless hooks	US Fish and Wildlife Service	A modified version was put out in the mailout for public comment.

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Phelps Creek (Chelan Co) Closed waters - mouth to falls at River Mile 1.	US Fish and Wildlife Service	A modified version was put out in the mailout for public comment.
North Creek (Okanogan Co) - Closed waters from mouth to falls at river mile 0.8 (just above the Twisp River Road)	US Fish and Wildlife Service	A modified version was put out in the mailout for public comment.
Lake Creek (Okanogan Co) from mouth to Black Lake -Proposal A - season June 1 - Aug 31 catch and release only and selective gear rule: no bait; single barbless hooks, hooks with gap size less than 5/16"	US Fish and Wildlife Service	Continue with present closure. The numbers of bull trout spawning in the reach below Black Lake are generally low and should be protected as the reach is flanked by a campground on the lower end and a large, popular trailhead further upstream. This reach was subject to frequent and intense angling. The stream also supports spawning and rearing spring chinook and steelhead, both with an endangered ESA listing.
Lake Creek (Okanogan Co) from mouth to Black Lake -Proposal B - Season June 1 - Aug 31, catch and release and selective gear rule: no bait; single barbless hooks	US Fish and Wildlife Service	Continue with present closure. The numbers of bull trout spawning in the reach below Black Lake are generally low and should be protected as the reach is flanked by a campground on the lower end and a large, popular trailhead further upstream. This reach was subject to frequent and intense angling. The stream also supports spawning and rearing spring chinook and steelhead, both with an endangered ESA listing.
Lake Creek (Okanogan Co) from Black Lake to Three Prong Creek - closed waters	US Fish and Wildlife Service	Lake Creek already has selective gear rules in this area. Staff feel that this offers enough protection at this time.
Lost River (Okanogan Co) mouth to outlet of First Hidden Lake - closed waters	US Fish and Wildlife Service	The proponent implies that the present restrictive fishery in Lost River has affected low abundance of bull trout in the upper Methow River system. While the Lost River likely is contributing via downstream drift, there is no evidence that fishing has limited these contributions. WDFW biologists have surveyed bull trout populations in the upper Lost River (Drake Creek to Cougar Lake) and have found the area virtually unused by anglers. Below Drake Creek, the stream runs dry most years. Access via Drake Creek trail is difficult because of unmaintained trail, a trail that many years ago was occasionally used by horsemen. The only "easy" access to the river is via a long, 8 -9 mile hike to Diamond Creek. Remoteness of the area and limited access assure little angling use. Bull trout are numerous throughout the reach between Drake Creek to Cougar Lake. Of several hundred bull trout captured and released, none has exceeded 13 inches. Whereas regulations restrict harvest to 2 bull trout over 14 inches, the present regulations are essentially a no-harvest allowance. Lost River bull trout have thrived through decades of far more liberal harvest regulations. Of several hundred bull trout captured and released, none has exceeded 13 inches. Whereas regulations restrict harvest to 2 bull trout over 14 inches, the present regulations are essentially a no-harvest allowance. Lost River bull trout have thrived through decades of far more liberal harvest regulations.

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Cougar Lake (Okanogan Co) Closed waters	US Fish and Wildlife Service	Some bull trout likely do move into the upper Lost River during high water, but the lake is not "the source population for the Lost River and the upper Methow River bull trout populations" as stated in the proposal. Bull trout in the Lost River are plentiful and have excellent spawning habitat, as is evidenced by their ability to repopulate quickly after drought reduces flows. The lack of large adfluvial bull trout in Lost River has been known since the early 1980s and the reason may be that the river has a surfeit of fluvial fish, too many to allow fish to grow to large size. The fishery in Cougar Lake has not wiped out bull trout there, nor has it shown any effect on numbers of bull trout in Lost River.
First Hidden Lake (Okanogan Co) Proposal A - daily limit 2, selective gear rule: no bait; single barbless hooks, hooks with gap size less than 5/16"	US Fish and Wildlife Service	Hook size restriction unnecessary, unenforceable and confusing to anglers.
First Hidden Lake (Okanogan Co) Proposal B - daily limit 2, selective gear rule: no bait; single barbless hooks	US Fish and Wildlife Service	The Hidden Lakes (First and Middle) are not a primary source of replenishment of bull trout for Lost River. Some fish may move into Cougar Lake from First Hidden, but this would occur during very high runoff years. A better approach would be make a sustained commitment to posting trailheads, and perhaps at campsites and accesses to the lakes regarding bull trout identification and regulations.
Middle Hidden Lake (Okanogan Co) Proposal A - daily limit 2, selective gear rule: no bait; single barbless hooks, hooks with gap size less than 5/16"	US Fish and Wildlife Service	Hook size restriction unnecessary, unenforceable and confusing to anglers.
Middle Hidden Lake (Okanogan Co) Proposal B - daily limit 2, selective gear rule: no bait; single barbless hooks	US Fish and Wildlife Service	The Hidden Lakes (First and Middle) are not a primary source of replenishment of bull trout for Lost River. Some fish may move into Cougar Lake from First Hidden, but this would occur during very high runoff years. A better approach would be make a sustained commitment to posting trailheads, and perhaps at campsites and accesses to the lakes regarding bull trout identification and regulations.
Ptarmigan Creek (Okanogan Co) Closed waters	US Fish and Wildlife Service	We do not know whether bull trout in Ptarmigan are adfluvials from First Hidden and/or Cougar Lakes, or if these are resident fluvials to Ptarmigan Creek. Ptarmigan flows into an intermittent marsh prior to entering the stream which connects First Hidden and Cougar Lake. This connecting stream is intermittent also. Therefore, use of Ptarmigan Creek (assuming adfluvial migrants) is likely to occur only during high runoff years, years when flows are continuous throughout summer and fall to allow spawner access. Otherwise, presence of bull trout spawners would have to be resident fluvials. Present stream regulations allow for two trout and is closed to bull trout. Perhaps posting signs at trailheads or on the trail along Ptarmigan Creek might better serve the purpose of protecting bull trout.
<b>Upper Columbia Streams</b>		
Open White River (Chelan Co) from the falls to the mouth at Lake Wenatchee to catch and release and fly fishing only for trout (except Dolly Varden) June 1 - October 31. Also open for whitefish only December 1 - March 31.	Jeffrey May	Results from WDFW sampling document that the assemblage of fish in this section of the White River is composed of much greater than 50% endangered steelhead and spring chinook; only a very small portion of the fish are resident trout or whitefish. NOAA fisheries has made it clear that by law they cannot authorize a fishery that targets endangered species.

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Open White River (Chelan Co) from White River Falls to Lake Wenatchee for a normal summer season.	Steven May	Results from WDFW sampling document that the assemblage of fish in this section of the White River is composed of much greater than 50% endangered steelhead and spring chinook; only a very small portion of the fish are resident trout or whitefish. NOAA fisheries has made it clear that by law they cannot authorize a fishery that targets endangered species.
Open White River (Chelan Co) from mouth to the falls for trout (catch-and-release) June 1 - Oct 31, and for whitefish December through march.	Donald Wright	Results from WDFW sampling document that the assemblage of fish in this section of the White River is composed of much greater than 50% endangered steelhead and spring chinook; only a very small portion of the fish are resident trout or whitefish. NOAA fisheries has made it clear that by law they cannot authorize a fishery that targets endangered species.
Open a catch and release fishery for trout and a whitefish season on the White (Chelan Co) and Little Wenatchee Rivers	Linda Sprague May	Results from WDFW sampling document that the assemblage of fish in this section of the White and Little Wenatchee rivers is composed of much greater than 50% endangered steelhead and spring chinook; only a very small portion of the fish are resident trout or whitefish. NOAA fisheries has made it clear that by law they cannot authorize a fishery that targets an assemblage of fish that is > 50% endangered.
Entiat River - Open the area from Fox Creek Campground to Entiat Falls July 31 to Oct 31 catch and release and fly fishing only for trout.	Richard Bowers	Results from past WDFW sampling document that the assemblage of fish in Entiat River is composed of much greater than 50% endangered steelhead and spring chinook; only a small portion of the fish are resident trout or whitefish. NOAA fisheries has made it clear that by law they cannot authorize a fishery that targets endangered species.
Wenatchee, White and Entiat rivers - June 1 - Oct 31 - open to catch and release fly fishing (all species) but allow whitefish to be kept.	Jeff Elader	Results from WDFW sampling document that the assemblage of fish in the Entiat, White and Wenatchee rivers is composed of much greater than 50% endangered steelhead and spring chinook; only a very small portion of the fish are resident trout or whitefish. NOAA fisheries has made it clear that by law they cannot authorize a fishery that targets an assemblage of fish that is > 50% endangered. And we currently have a whitefish season on Wenatchee and Entiat.
Re-open Wenatchee and White (falls to mouth) rivers for trout fishing for kids 15 and under April - November and have whitefish open year round.	Michael Kinzebach	Few trout (non-anadromous) in these systems. Kids cannot be treated differently; they will inflict mortalities on listed stocks (see above proposals). And currently have a whitefish season on the Wenatchee.
Open White and Icicle rivers for trout June 1 - Oct 31 and for whitefish Dec 1 - Mar 31.	Bruce Fullerton	Most of Icicle River is already open to trout fishing; i.e., from Leavenworth Hatchery upstream. Below this is spawning and rearing area for listed steelhead. Results from WDFW sampling document that the assemblage of fish in this section of the White River is composed of much greater than 50% endangered steelhead and spring chinook; only a very small portion of the fish are resident trout or whitefish. NOAA fisheries has made it clear that by law they cannot authorize a fishery that targets endangered species.
Re-open Entiat and White rivers (Chelan Co) to C&R and fly fishing only for trout June 1 - Oct 31 and for catch and keep whitefish Dec 1 - Mar 31.	LaRhonda Kinzebach	Results from WDFW sampling document that the assemblage of fish in the Entiat, White and Icicle rivers is composed of much greater than 50% endangered steelhead and spring chinook; only a very small portion of the fish are resident trout or whitefish. NOAA fisheries has made it clear that by law they cannot authorize a fishery that targets an assemblage of fish that is > 50% endangered. And we currently have a whitefish season on the Entiat.

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Entiat River - open from Fox Creek Campground to Entiat Falls - Aug 1 - Oct 31, all species - catch and release and fly fishing only.	John Wilson	Results from past WDFW sampling document that the assemblage of fish in Entiat River is composed of much greater than 50% endangered steelhead and spring chinook; only a small portion of the fish are resident trout or whitefish. NOAA fisheries has made it clear that by law they cannot authorize a fishery that targets an assemblage of fish that is > 50% endangered, nor would WDFW want to.
Wenatchee River - open Tumwater canyon Aug 1- Oct 31 - all species; catch and release and fly fishing only.	John Wilson	Results from WDFW sampling document that the assemblage of fish in this section of the Wenatchee River is composed of much more than 50% endangered steelhead and spring chinook only a small portion of the fish are resident trout or whitefish. NOAA fisheries has made it clear that by law they cannot authorize a fishery that targets an assemblage of fish that is > 50% endangered, nor would WDFW want to.
Wenatchee River from the city of Plain to the city of Monitor - open year-round, fly fishing only, catch and release only.	Terry Coyle	Results from WDFW sampling document that the assemblage of fish in this section of the Wenatchee River is composed of much greater than 50% endangered steelhead and spring chinook. NOAA fisheries has made it clear that by law they cannot authorize a fishery that targets an assemblage of fish that is > 50% endangered, nor would WDFW want to. Proposal suggests that a change from the present closure to a regulation that allows catch and release is needed for the "preservation and conservation of native salmon and habitat". The argument is illogical. How does catching and releasing endangered steelhead and salmon for sport preserve native salmon and their habitat?
Wenatchee River - open Tumwater Canyon July 1 - Oct 31 catch and release and fly fishing only for trout.	Richard Bowers	Results from WDFW sampling document that the assemblage of fish in this section of the Wenatchee River is composed of much more than 50% endangered steelhead and spring chinook only a small portion of the fish are resident trout or whitefish. NOAA fisheries has made it clear that by law they cannot authorize a fishery that targets endangered species.
Methow River - June 1 - Sept 30 C&R season for trout - lower boundary area should be Burma Bridge (9 miles below Gold Creek)	Bill Mackay	Cannot risk loss of present trout fishery in an attempt to gain more fishing area. The present boundaries were worked out by WDFW in response and in agreement with local anglers and NOAA Fisheries.
Methow River - June 1 - Sept 30 C&R season for trout - lower boundary area should be Burma Bridge (9 miles below Gold Creek)	Ben Dennis	Cannot risk loss of present trout fishery in an attempt to gain more fishing area. The present boundaries were worked out by WDFW in response and in agreement with local anglers and NOAA Fisheries.
Crab Creek Hwy 17 to Road 7, open year-round, no hook restrictions.	Richard Carpenter	The current rule was a compromise worked out last year in response to a rule adopted the previous year to address complaints of snagging walleye. The current rule invited little complaint during its first season, and should be left standing for the near future. WDFW Enforcement has not indicated to Fish Mgt any desire to revert back to past regulations, and it is comfortable with enforcement of the current regulation.
<b>Lakes</b>		
Lake Lenore (Grant Co) - catch and release only with single barbless hooks year-round.	John (Kris) Thomas	At this point there is no reason to eliminate harvest opportunity. While we have been aware of increased angling pressure during the harvest fishery, sufficient harvest data is lacking. Escapement at the spawning trap would indicate that the cutthroat population is in good shape, and enforcement presence has been increased during the harvest season.

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Lake Lenore (Grant Co) make the season catch and release only March 1 - November 30.	Pat Burdick	At this point there is no reason to eliminate harvest opportunity. While we have been aware of increased angling pressure during the harvest fishery, sufficient harvest data is lacking. Escapement at the spawning trap would indicate that the cutthroat population is in good shape, and enforcement presence has been increased during the harvest season.
Change lake Lenore (Grant Co) to catch and release only June 1 - November 30.	Randy Englehart	At this point there is no reason to eliminate harvest opportunity. While we have been aware of increased angling pressure during the harvest fishery, sufficient harvest data is lacking. Escapement at the spawning trap would indicate that the cutthroat population is in good shape, and enforcement presence has been increased during the harvest season.
Stock Alkali Lake (Grant Co) with Lahontan Cutthroat trout and make it a year-round catch and release lake with single barbless hooks required.	John Thomas	Currently managed as a warmwater lake with harvest. Lake Lenore fill this fishery niche in this area. We have not established that pH is a problem for any of the species currently inhabiting Alkali Lake. For the near future, monitoring will continue and Alkali Lake will continue to be managed primarily for warmwater species. Trout, both rainbow and cutthroat, have been and will be stocked as available.
Banks Lake (Grant Co) or statewide- bass - daily limit 5, no more than 3 over 15".	Jim Randall	The current bass rule (changed statewide last major cycle) is a better choice to maintain a balanced bass population and provide a better fishery. The results of the long-term study on Banks Lake will help us decide whether smallmouth bass overpopulate Banks Lake and regulation change is warranted.
Change bass size limit on Banks Lake to 5 bass up to 17" or 1 over 17 for smallmouth, and current statewide rule for largemouth.	Clifford Hart	The current bass rule (changed statewide last major cycle) is a better choice to maintain a balanced bass population and provide a better fishery. The results of the long-term study on Banks Lake will help us decide whether smallmouth bass overpopulate Banks Lake and regulation change is warranted.
Banks Lake - smallmouth bass, no size limit, daily limit 5.	Wes Whitlinger	The current bass rule (changed statewide last major cycle) is a better choice to maintain a balanced bass population and provide a better fishery. The results of the long-term study on Banks Lake will help us decide whether smallmouth bass overpopulate Banks Lake and regulation change is warranted.
Statewide, but specifically Banks Lake - change rule for bass to daily limit 5, no more than three over 15:	Allan Fox	The current bass rule (changed statewide last major cycle) is a better choice to maintain a balanced bass population and provide a better fishery. The results of the long-term study on Banks Lake will help us decide whether smallmouth bass overpopulate Banks Lake and regulation change is warranted.
Designate 10 new lakes in Region 2 as selective gear (except handicapped fishers)	Washington State Council - Federation of Fly Fishers	Region 2 has met with the proponent on this and other matters. The region has proposed one additional new selective fishery - Dusty Lk. Ten new lakes in this category would be too many. Data from our recent angler preference survey show that 43% of the respondents think we have enough of these waters, 7% think we have too many, 29% think we need more.
Davis Lake near Winthrop - require artificial lures/barbless hooks with a 5 fish take to 14" to allow brown and rainbow trout to control bass population.	Bill Mackay	Larger browns and rainbow cannot effect significant control over bass. Brown trout as a voracious predator are vastly overrated. Rainbows that turn aggressively piscivorous are rare in any waters of the state.
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<b>Region 3</b>		
Cle Elum River from mouth to Dam and from Cle Elum Lake to Hayas Lake - open year round, catch and release and selective gear rules (whitefish season remains unchanged)	Scott Rouse	Modified proposal is included in the mailout - Yes - for lower river downstream of Cle Elum Dam. High irrigation flow releases from the reservoir severely limit trout fishing opportunity in June, July and August by making the lower river unfishable/unwadeable. A year-round season and catch & release for trout (like the adjacent mainstem Yakima R.) makes sense in this anadromous fish area (already subject to selective gear rules). No - for the upper river upstream of Cle Elum reservoir. We changed to SGR during the last major cycle (effective 2002) and banned bait. R3 still wants to provide some opportunity for retention of trout in this resident fish only upriver section. Year-round season not necessary because not impacted by Cle Elum Dam operations---traditional stream trout season is appropriate.
Yakima River Roza Dam to Easton Dam - eliminate the whitefish fishery Dec 1 - last day of Feb, or delete the exception to selective gear rules for whitefish.	Steve Joyce and petition	Staff supports a modified proposal that deletes the winter whitefish gear rules from Roza Dam to Keechelus Dam. See mailout for details. Baited (maggots, salmon eggs) size 14 hooks are ideal for catching resident trout and juvenile steelhead. The small hook may prevent injury to adult steelhead, but in this "catch & release" section of the river, elevated hooking mortality on trout/juvenile steelhead caught on bait should be avoided. Whitefish can still be caught in the upper Yakima R. on whitefish flies with barbless hooks.
<b>Region 4</b>		
Prohibit motorized boats on the entire Nooksack River system, year -round.	Donald Mitchell	WDFW can only limit <u>fishing</u> from motorized boats. A total ban on the use of motorized boats on the Nooksack would need to come from Whatcom County.
Change no bait rule on the Snoqualmie River summer fishery to bait and single barbless hooks.	Edward Gombiski	While the wild summer run steelhead have rebounded somewhat, the recent downturn in marine survivals and resulting run-sizes indicate that it is premature to relax this regulation.
Sauk River from mouth to Darrington Bridge - area should be closed March 1 - May 31. Lots of illegal activity.	James Mason	This area is evaluated each year and closed by emergency rule when it is necessary to protect a weak wild steelhead run. Thank you for the "heads up" on poaching problems. We will pass this information on to our enforcement officers and request that they check on it during this time period.
<b>Stillaguamish</b>		
NF Stillaguamish River - during fly fishing only fishery - add "weighted flies prohibited".	Richard Simms	Not as a permanent rule - can be added by emergency reg as needed due to environmental conditions.
Re-open NF Stillaguamish March- May with selective gear rules, no wild steelhead retention.	HC Smith	Wild winter steelhead remain under-escaped.
NF Stillaguamish, one mile upstream and 1 mile downstream of Deer Creek - during summer when Deer Creek native steelhead are present, allow only floating line and unweighted flies	HC Smith	We need to continue to manage this issue via emergency-regulation. Each year environmental conditions are different.
<b>Skykomish</b>		
Limit use of motorized boats on the Skykomish River to waters below Sultan River bridge.	William Ferro III	WDFW can only limit <u>fishing</u> from motorized boats. A total ban on the use of motorized boats on the Skykomish would need to come from Snohomish County.

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Skykomish River - mouth to forks - add selective gear rules June 1 - Nov 30.	Ryan Petzold	The agency believes that current regulations based on our stream management strategy are adequate to protect both wild parr and adults. River-specific information is needed to add selective gear rules.
NF Skykomish River - add selective gear rules June 1 - Nov 30	Richard Simms	The agency believes that current regulations based on our stream management strategy are adequate to protect both wild parr and adults. River-specific information is needed to add selective gear rules.
Skykomish River - selective gear rules June 1 - Sept 15.	Jeff Johnson	Want to allow the use of bait for salmon during this time period. Hatchery steelhead are also available for harvest.
NF Skykomish - selective gear rules June 1 - last day in Feb	Jeff Johnson	The agency believes that current regulations based on our stream management strategy are adequate to protect both wild parr and adults. River-specific information is needed to add selective gear rules.
Open Skykomish River March - May, selective gear rules, no retention of wild steelhead	HC Smith	Wild winter steelhead remain under-escaped, cannot open a fishery at this time.
Beckler River - catch and release and selective gear rules for all species June 1 - Oct 31	Ryan Petzold	Not necessary for conservation purposes at this time. We would like to retain the use of bait in this area to allow anglers a better chance of removing any stray hatchery fish from the area.
SF Skykomish - allow harvest of unmarked steelhead: 1 per day, 2 per week, 5 per season between Money Creek and the mouth of the Beckler River Aug 1 - Oct 31 as part of a research project.	John Evensen	Prior to harvest of wild steelhead on the upper SF Skykomish, an escapement goal needs to be established. In addition, some method of monitoring the harvest has to be developed. Currently, the population is monitored by counting adults trucked upstream of Sunset Falls. If a fishery is to occur upstream of this point, then either spawning surveys or catch monitoring need to occur. Currently there are no funds for either activity.
<b>Skagit</b>		
Skagit River above Bacon Creek June 1 through December 31 - catch and release only - closed the rest of the year.	Rob Elam	A comprehensive review of the state's hatchery programs is currently being conducted. This may be one of the areas identified for no stocking of hatchery fish and a catch and release regulation. The current regulations should remain in place until this review is completed.
Open Skagit River below Dallas Bridge to steelhead fishing in March and April	Larry Wasserman	Not as a permanent rule, but can still be adjusted by emergency rule as needed.
Skagit River - mouth to Memorial Hwy Bridge - drop selective gear rules.	James Mason	This regulation was put into place recently. It's too soon to change until we evaluate how it is working.
Skagit River from Dalles Bridge to Bacon Creek - area should be closed March 16 - May 31. Lots of illegal activity.	James Mason	This area is evaluated each year and closed by emergency rule when it is necessary to protect a weak wild steelhead run. Thank you for the "heads up" on poaching problems. We will pass this information on to our enforcement officers and request that they check on it during this time period.
Skagit River from Bacon Creek to Gorge Dam - open year -round, catch and release only for game fish and salmon ( or selective gear rules or fly fishing only)	WR Knapp	The closure at the end of February is in place to protect wild steelhead spawners and juvenile anadromous fish.
Open middle Skagit River (Baker River to a point about 10 miles downstream) March - May, selective gear rules, no retention of wild steelhead.	HC Smith	A portion of the proposed area is already open in April for a catch and release fishery when runs are sufficiently strong. The area below the Dalles Bridge is used by wild winter-run steelhead spawners and closes March 15 for their protection.



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Cascade River - mouth to Rockport -Cascade Road Bridge open a short C&R season with selective gear rules March 1 - April 30.	Ryan Miller	Skagit River system winter steelhead are close to or meeting escapement goal - , currently few excess to escapement needs are available. Not enough to support the fishery proposed.
Tokul Creek - mouth to 400' below Dam - open to fishing on the hatchery side of the creek only.	John Fothergill	This area was closed in the early 1990s due to major slide activity in the area. While it is believed that the slide has been stabilized, it is premature to open the area to fishing until the stabilization of the slide has been demonstrated through the winter (the period of the year when the slide was most active in the past.)
Cottage Lake (King Co) - change to year-round season	Lynn Norden	Need to maintain opening day opportunities.
Lost Lake (Snohomish Co)- change to split season like Echo Lake and other local lakes.	Dave DeBois	Commission has taken action to do away with "split seasons" for several lakes in the recent past, including Echo Lake
Lake Hancock (King Co) change season to April 1 - Oct 31	Brian Kraemer	Public access is unclear due to recent land-owner change.
<b>Cedar</b>		
Cedar River - mouth to 300 yards below Landsburg Rd Bridge - open to trout June 1 - Aug 31, minimum size 10" daily limit 2, selective gear rules.	Cedar River Council	Staff recommends a catch and release fishery - see Cedar River proposal in mailout.
Cedar River (King Co) - open from Landsburg Bridge to Lake WA June 1 - Aug 31, trout 14" min size, daily limit2, selective gear rules, no fishing from a boat.	Fred Habenicht	Staff recommends a catch and release fishery - see Cedar River proposal in mailout.
Cedar River - mouth to Landsburg Rd Bridge - open for trout only June 1 - August 31 - minimum size 10", daily limit 2, selective gear rules.	South King County Chapter of Trout Unlimited	Staff recommends a catch and release fishery - see Cedar River proposal in mailout.
Open Cedar River mouth to 300' below Landsburg Dam June 1 - Aug 31 to flyfishing only for trout, minimum size 12" daily limit s selective gear rules.	Joel Bergen	Staff recommends a catch and release fishery - see Cedar River proposal in mailout.
Cedar River - mouth to 300' below Landsburg Dam - June 1 - Aug 31 open to fly fishing only for trout, daily limit 2, minimum size 12".	Jeff Leighton	Staff recommends a catch and release fishery - see Cedar River proposal in mailout.
Cedar River - mouth to Cedar Falls - open for trout only June 1 - Aug 31, fly fishing only, barbless hooks, minimum size 14", daily limit 2.	John Fothergill	Staff recommends a catch and release fishery - see Cedar River proposal in mailout.
Open Cedar River to catch and release and selective gear.	Ed Miller	Staff recommends a catch and release fishery similar to that proposed here - see Cedar River proposal in mailout.
<b>Region 5</b>		
Drano Lake - closed to salmon fishing on Wednesdays Oct 1 - Nov 30.	Yakama Nation	This proposal should go through the PFMC planning process for next year's fisheries. Will be forwarded.

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<b>Klickitat</b>		
Klickitat River from upstream of the Leidl Bridge to the downstream markers at the fish hatchery - fly fishing only.	Doug Miller	Angler preference survey suggests that there are enough selective gear waters. Proposal would also limit opportunity for salmon on surplus fish.
Klickitat River upstream of #5 fishway to boundary markers below fish hatchery - no fishing from a floating device.	Doug Miller	Proposal would limit opportunity for salmon on surplus fish. Only opportunity in the area to use a boat.
Mill Creek (Cowlitz Co) tidal estuary -(mouth to 1st bridge on Mill Ck Rd) Open June 1 - Oct 31 for sea-run cutthroat - wild cutthroat release. Closed to fishing for steelhead. Selective gear rules.	Lower Columbia Flyfishers	See staff proposal in mailout for catch and release only for trout in Mill Creek.
Grays River - mouth to SF Grays angling deadline - leave C&R fishery open till April 15 for hatchery steelhead.	Frank Amato for Willapa Anglers	No hatchery fish available at this time. This would have impacts to wild winter fish - these fish are under-escaped.
Grays River and Naselle River - open in March and April for steelhead fishing, catch and release and selective gear rules.	No for Grays Naselle C&R and SGR Mar 1 - Apr 15	No for Grays River - escapement below goal. Not enough wild winter fish to sustain any loss. See mailout for modified proposal for Naselle River.
Close night fishing on Washougal River Railroad Bridge to 3rd Ave Bridge June 1 - Oct 31	Washougal River Neighbors	A night closure already in place Sept 1 - Oct 31. The night closure is not needed prior to this time because it is put in place to protect salmon, which don't enter the area until September.
<b>Crayfish</b>		
No fishing for crayfish on Lake Merrill (Cowlitz Co).	Chuck Fox	Lake Merrill is closed to the commercial harvest of crayfish. Staff feels that the current rules, which include a closed season, a daily limit, a size restriction, and a prohibition to the taking of gravid females provide adequate protection for crayfish in this large lake.
<b>Region 6</b>		
<b>Lake Cushman</b>		
Lake Cushman - closed to fishing for Chinook salmon year-round	Sue McGill/John Meyer - Olympic National Park	Lake Cushman chinook are most likely of hatchery origin with a narrow genetic base and not a stock in need of total protection.
Lake Cushman (Mason Co) - Proposal A - add selective gear (no bait or any fish whole or in part; single barbless hook, hooks with gap size less than 5/16 inch; no flashers or dodgers.	US Fish and Wildlife Service	The Department does not feel that additional regulations are needed for protection of bull trout at this time. We will continue to monitor and take action if it is warranted.
Lake Cushman (Mason Co) Proposal B - add selective gear; no bait, single barbless hook.	US Fish and Wildlife Service	The Department does not feel that additional regulations are needed for protection of bull trout at this time. We will continue to monitor and take action if it is warranted.
Dungeness River - mouth to hatchery intake - open for trout Oct 16 - April 30	Marty Michaelis	Modified end date to Mar 15 and placed in mailout for comment.
Elwha River - mouth to Aldwell Dam - open to trout June 1 - April 30	Marty Michaelis	Because there are very few wild steelhead (less than 300) left in the Elwha and the dams are scheduled to come out in 2007, we need every wild steelhead to restore this run. We cannot justify mortality on this run.

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Elwha River - open waters from 200' downstream of south spillway on Aldwell Lake Dam to Aldwell Dam	Marty Michaelis	This area was closed in the past primarily due to the snagging problem in two deep pools on the right bank near the face of the dam. There are no summer steelhead present now. There may be a few cutthroat present. However, some adult chinook do concentrate in those pools and are often seen near the surface. These are ESA listed Threatened chinook which will certainly be harassed if this area is opened.
Grays River and Naselle River - open in March and April for steelhead fishing, catch and release and selective gear rules.	Jack Berryman	Modified proposal included in mailout for public comment -for Naselle River only, catch and release and selective gear rules March 1 - April 15.
Naselle River - mouth to deadline at North Fork - extend season for hatchery steelhead to April 15.	Frank Amato	Modified proposal included in mailout for public comment -catch and release and selective gear rules March 1 - April 15.
EF Satsop River upstream of the bridge at Schaefer Park - extend the season for hatchery coho through November, but fly fishing only for both salmon and game fish during November.	Washington Council of Trout Unlimited - Jim Tuggle	Modified to selective gear instead of fly fishing only and included in the mailout for comment
Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers - extend winter steelhead season through April 15, wild steelhead release required.	Washington Council of Trout Unlimited - Jim Tuggle	These rivers are evaluated and any season extension is done on an annual basis by emergency rule when it is warranted by run size.
<b>Olympic Peninsula</b>		
Quillayute River System - anglers must stop fishing after retaining one wild steelhead (Feb 1 - April 30)	Terry Coyle	Eliminates harvest of hatchery fish after Feb. 1 - hatchery fish present through early March. Further restricts opportunity.
Hoh River (Jefferson Co) - allow wild steelhead retention from the mouth to the Park boundary	Marty Michaelis	Adequate area for wild harvest is available in the Hoh River system - above Hwy 101 addressing angler preference survey request for more catch and release.
Hoh, Quillayute river system - Dec 1 - April 30 bait and barbed hooks allowed for steelhead	Marty Michaelis	In wild release areas the general rule is to stay with selective gear rules.
Hoh and Quillayute river systems - when fishing for steelhead and selective gear rules are in effect, no one may fish from a floating device unless anchored in the river	Marty Michaelis	This proposal would take away a primary fishing method used by boat anglers. Most of the effort in this area is from boat anglers.
On the Quillayute system, Hoh, and Queets - where anadromous species are present, allow only artificial lures after March 1 through the summer.	HC Smith	Where significant salmon and steelhead opportunities exist, the use of bait should be allowed to increase opportunity for harvest.
Upper Hoh and upper Sol Duc rivers - should be able to use boats for transit only.	HC Smith	No need for the proposal because selective gear rules (which include no fishing from a boat equipped with an internal combustion engine) are in effect in both of these areas.
Quillayute system/Hoh - change to 1 fish per day retention after Feb 1 and after a fish is retained you must stop fishing.	HC Smith	There is not biological data to support the need (healthy runs in both systems).

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Hoh and Bogachiel rivers - keep open in April and May, wild fish release, selective gear rules.	HC Smith	WDFW is proposing to close all coastal rivers on 4/15. This provides protection to adult steelhead at the peak of their spawning activity and to smolts at the peak of their outmigration. In most years, the Hoh opens May 16 for spring chinook and wild steelhead release, so it is only closed for one month. The Sol Duc and Quillayute remain open after April for spring chinook and wild steelhead release (they never close completely). The other major rivers on the coast are closed from Apr. 15 until June 1 (only 1 1/2 months).
Calawah River - Hwy 101 Bridge to Park Boundary Def 1 - April 30 remove selective gear rules and allow retention of 1 wild fish per day.	Marty Michaelis	See Calawah River proposal in mailout which extends the open time period in the South Fork Calawah from Feb. 29 to Apr. 15 for wild steelhead release. 2003 wild escapement took the first significant drop since the early 1990's and is 2,000 fish below the previous 5 yr. avg. However, it is still 1,100 fish above the escapement goal and extending the opportunity for wild release is justified. Extending a harvest fishery after experiencing a significant drop in escapement is not justified.
Quinault River - extend winter steelhead season through April 15, with wild steelhead release required.	Washington Council of Trout Unlimited - Jim Tuggle	Modified to allow wild steelhead retention and included in the mailout for comment
Quinault River - extend season (and wild steelhead retention) through April 30	Hal Boynton	Modified and included in the mailout for comment
Chehalis River lower section - change salmon daily limit to 1 (adult) daily and allow barbed treble hooks.	Jerry Prescott	Barbed treble hooks make release of non-target fish very difficult. This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
Teal Lake (Jefferson Co) open all year, STWD rules, no internal combustion engines. Trout: catch and release and barbless hooks required Sept 1 - 3rd Saturday in April	Port Ludlow Fly Fishers - Archie Charawell	Proposal modified to close March 31 until opening day of trout season (so that lake can be stocked) and included in mailout for comment.
Prices Lake (Mason Co) - change from catch & release to min size 12" daily limit 2 trout. Keep selective gear rules.	Gordon Thomas	Prices Lake is managed as a quality water - we need to reduce stocking or fix the ramp
Add a selective gear fly fishing only lake near Belfair. Recommendation of Aldrich Lake - or if not, Howell, Wood, Don (Clara) Cady or Deveraux.	James Brosis	We do not recommend any more selective gear/fly only lakes in the Belfair/Macon County area - consistent now with angler preference survey - also, Cady Lake already is limited to catch and release and fly fishing only.
Beaver Lake (Clallam Co) change daily limit to 5 trout, maximum size 12" - no limit on warmwater species (retain selective gear rules except electric motors allowed)	John Sherbourne	Modified and included in the mailout for comment. The main warmwater predator in this lake is yellow perch, which already have no daily or size limit.
<b>No motors on the Satsop</b>		
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Walter Sponek	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Merle Braun	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Annie Braun	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.

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Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Bruce Shattuck	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Michael Neese	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Cora Spenck	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Helen Neese	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Henry Cook	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
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Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Frank Denshe	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
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Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Daniel Paulsen	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
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Satsop River - no motors from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Terry Cargil	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
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